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PCHD News Release Cluster Illness Investigation - Pike County, IL

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Pike County, IL – Pike County Health Department's (PCHD) Communicable Disease and Environmental Health staff continue to investigate a cluster of cases of acute gastroenteritis that occurred in Pike County, IL on the weekend of June 10, 2022. Norovirus is suspected, no known food source or cause has been identified.

The most common symptoms of food poisoning are:

- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fever
- Stomach Pain
- Headache
- Body Aches

A person usually develops symptoms 12 to 48 hours after being exposed to norovirus. Most people with norovirus illness get better within 1 to 3 days.

If you have norovirus illness, you can feel extremely ill, and vomit or have diarrhea many times a day. This can lead to dehydration, especially in young children, older adults, and people with other illnesses.

Symptoms of dehydration include:

- decrease in urination
- dry mouth and throat
- feeling dizzy when standing up

Children who are dehydrated may cry with few or no tears and be unusually sleepy or fussy.

If you would like more information on norovirus or other foodborne germs or illnesses, go to <https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/symptoms.html>

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