



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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MEDICAL ADVISORY: OUTBREAK OF GASTROINTESTINAL INFECTION ON OAHU NORTH SHORE

Dear Healthcare Provider,

The Department of Health (DOH) requests your help in identifying any persons who present with an acute gastrointestinal illness and who report eating at any food establishment in Haleiwa on Oahu this past weekend (April 9, 10) and/or participated in the Haleiwa Metric Century Ride on Sunday morning, April 10. DOH is investigating an acute, afebrile, vomiting and non-bloody diarrhea illness which has occurred in at least eight (8) adults 24-30 hours after completing the Ride and eating at a Haleiwa food establishment. The illness appears to be self-limited with no hospitalizations. Although confirmation is pending, the history and clinical presentation are suspicious for likely norovirus infection, which is highly infectious and can persist in the environment once contaminated by the stool or vomitus of infected persons.

Please obtain stool for at least norovirus isolation as well as bacterial culture and contact DOH if you identify any patients with the above described symptoms and epidemiological history.

Oahu (Disease Investigation Branch)	(808) 586-4586
Maui District Health Office	(808) 984-8213
Kauai District Health Office	(808) 241-3563
Big Island District Health Office (Hilo)	(808) 933-0912
Big Island District Health Office (Kona)	(808) 322-4877

After hours on Oahu	(808) 566-5049
After hours on neighbor islands	(808) 360-2575 (toll free)

Thank you for your assistance in protecting the health of the residents and visitors of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

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