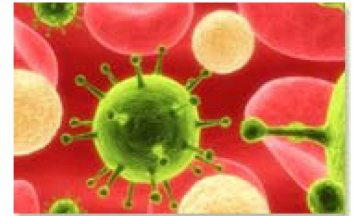


# Camp News

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## Preventing Norovirus at Camps

Norovirus is the most common pathogen that causes foodborne illness in the United States. According to CDC estimates, over 5.4 million people became sick from Norovirus in 2011. Norovirus is very contagious and can easily be transmitted to foods during preparation. Because there are many people at summer camps, Norovirus can spread very easily among campers and staff. Last summer in San Bernardino County, we had several reports of foodborne illness outbreaks at camps. It is important that camp food handlers always practice proper hand hygiene and not prepare food while they are sick.



Click [here](#) to view a Norovirus fact sheet designed for food handlers that will help you in your efforts to prevent foodborne illness.

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## Camp Emergency Plans

All organized camps must have a written, site-specific emergency plan. This plan must include procedures for the following emergency situations: natural disasters, lost campers, fires, transportation emergencies, severe illnesses and injuries, strangers in the camp, aquatic emergencies (as appropriate for the site), and other emergency situations as appropriate for the site. Additionally, the plan must include procedures for evacuation of the camp site, and control of vehicular traffic through the camp. The plan must contain contingencies for communication from persons at the site of an emergency to the emergency medical facilities, to the nearest fire station, and to administrative and health staff of the camp.



The written plan must be approved by the camp director, and all staff should be trained on how to implement the procedures contained in the emergency plan.

*This information is taken from the California Code of Regulations Title 17, Article 8 (Supervision) Section 30753 (Emergency Plan).*

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## New Spanish Language Social Media Sites Launched

The Division of Environmental Health Services (DEHS) has launched Facebook and Twitter pages en Español! All of the content posted on the English language social media sites will now also be posted in Spanish. The link for our Facebook page in Spanish is [www.facebook.com/sbehsEsp](http://www.facebook.com/sbehsEsp). The link for our Twitter page in Spanish is <https://twitter.com/sbehsEsp>.



## New Telephone Number for DEHS

We now have a new toll-free number for DEHS! It is 1-800-442-2283. You can reach all of our offices (Rancho Cucamonga, Hesperia, San Bernardino, and San Bernardino Mosquito & Vector Control) by calling our new number. This single number replaces all previous telephone numbers, which have now been inactivated. If you call an old number, you will only reach a message giving you our new 800 number.



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## Mobile Website for the Division of Environmental Health Services (DEHS)

Did you know we have a mobile website? You can now access DEHS resources even if you're away from your home/office by visiting <http://m.sbcounty.gov/dehs> on your smartphone. Use your iPhone, Android or Blackberry to locate a restaurant and view its rating by the health department, or submit a complaint while information is still fresh in your mind. You can also see the latest news from DEHS and view information about food recalls. Our mobile website won a 2012 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award for Information Technology. Check out our mobile website today!



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## Find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter

We are on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Join the conversation about pool safety, foodborne illness prevention, vector control and more. We now are on [Facebook en Español](#) and [Twitter en Español](#).

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