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Responding to a vomit or fecal event in a safe and timely manner can help prevent the spread of pathogens that can cause illness to both the public and the employees. One of the major pathogens of concern is Norovirus, which according to the CDC, is the leading cause of foodborne disease outbreaks in the United States. As few as 10 virus particles is enough to cause illness in an individual by coming into contact with an infected person, touching a contaminated surface, or consuming contaminated food. All responses to a vomit or fecal events should be handled as if it contains Norovirus.

The following is a worksheet to assist the food establishment when developing procedures for responding to a vomit or fecal event.

Pre-Planning

1. Does the establishment have a "response kit" available?
 Yes No

2. What items are included in the "response kit"?

<input type="checkbox"/> Barrier Tape	<input type="checkbox"/> Disposable Gloves
<input type="checkbox"/> Absorbent Material	<input type="checkbox"/> Disposable Masks
<input type="checkbox"/> Cones	<input type="checkbox"/> Eye Protection
<input type="checkbox"/> Disinfectant (EPA registered against Norovirus)	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Signs
<input type="checkbox"/> Disposable Bags	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

3. Where is the "response kit" located?
Location:

4. Who is responsible for maintaining and assuring the "response kit" is fully stocked?
Position/Title:

5. Who is responsible for overseeing the cleanup of the vomit or fecal event?
Position/Title:

6. How are employees trained to respond to a vomit or fecal event?

7. How often does this training occur?

Check the box that best applies.

Monthly Quarterly Yearly Other _____

8. Are employees trained on how to correctly use the personal protective equipment when responding to an event?

Yes No

Equipment Used:

9. How often do employee trainings occur?

Check the box that best applies.

Monthly Quarterly Yearly Other _____

10. Does the establishment have an Employee Health policy?

Yes No

11. Does the establishment review the Employee Health Policy with the employees?

Yes No

How often does this review occur?

Check the box that best applies.

Monthly Quarterly Yearly Other _____

12. Are the employees trained to report information about their health as they relate to diseases that are transmissible through food to the person in charge? (Idaho Food Code 2-201.11)

Yes No

13. Is the person in charge trained when to restrict or exclude an employee that is exhibiting illnesses that are transmissible through food? (Idaho Food Code 2-201.12)

Yes No

12. How often do these trainings occur?

New Hire Quarterly Yearly Other _____

Documentation:

Last Training Date: _____