

NOROVIRUS OUTBREAK HITS OHIO CHIPOTLE



**OVER 400
CUSTOMERS
HAVE BECOME
ILL WITH VOMIT,
DIARRHEA,
CRAMPS AND
NAUSEA;
THREE WERE
HOSPITALIZED**



Health officials say norovirus is likely to blame for making hundreds of people sick after they recently ate at a Chipotle restaurant in Kent, Ohio. According to Kent health officials, 432 people have reported norovirus symptoms as of Monday, April 21.

Officials said no cases have occurred since the restaurant reopened on April 19. It had closed on April 18 after people began reporting symptoms.

The restaurant was cleaned and sanitized and new employees were brought in from other restaurants out of a concern that an ill food handler might have initiated the outbreak.

Chipotle has announced that the restaurant chain plans to reimburse health care costs for customers who became ill as a result of a visit to the restaurant.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT NOROVIRUS

- Some norovirus infections occur without symptoms
- Infected people can shed large amounts of norovirus in their poop
- Viral shedding (passing the virus on in poop) can sometimes occur for 3 weeks after symptoms have resolved
- The majority of reported norovirus outbreaks are associated with food service settings or events
- Norovirus can persist on common kitchen surfaces for at least 3-6 weeks
- Some hand sanitizers are not effective at reducing norovirus on hands

