



Norovirus associated with Bombay Grill in Seattle Foodborne illness outbreak investigation

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Highlights

- Public Health is investigating an outbreak of gastroenteritis with nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea associated with Bombay Grill located in Seattle.
- As many as three people have been reported with symptoms starting October 17th.
- We do not have laboratory confirmation of the etiology, but symptoms are suggestive of norovirus. Often in norovirus outbreaks, no laboratory testing is done. The exact food item that caused the illness has not yet been identified, though this is not uncommon for norovirus outbreaks, where multiple food items may be contaminated.

Prevention

Norovirus is a highly contagious virus that frequently spreads person-to-person and is often associated with food. Norovirus illness often has a sudden onset of nausea and vomiting and/or watery diarrhea with cramps. A low grade fever, chills, and body aches sometimes occur. Norovirus rarely causes severe complications. Dehydration is the most common complication, particularly among young children and the elderly. No vaccine is available for norovirus.

General advice for reducing risk of contracting norovirus:

1. Wash hands, cutting boards, and counters used for food preparation immediately after use to avoid cross contaminating other foods.
2. Wash hands thoroughly with soap after using the bathroom or changing diapers, and before preparing any food or eating.
3. Wait at least 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting and/or diarrhea before preparing any food for others.

More information about Norovirus

1. [Norovirus facts](#), Public Health – Seattle & King County

2. Norovirus facts, [Foodsafety.gov](https://www.foodsafety.gov)

AT-A-GLANCE

Cases: 3

Hospitalizations: 0

Deaths: 0

Status: Ongoing

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIONS

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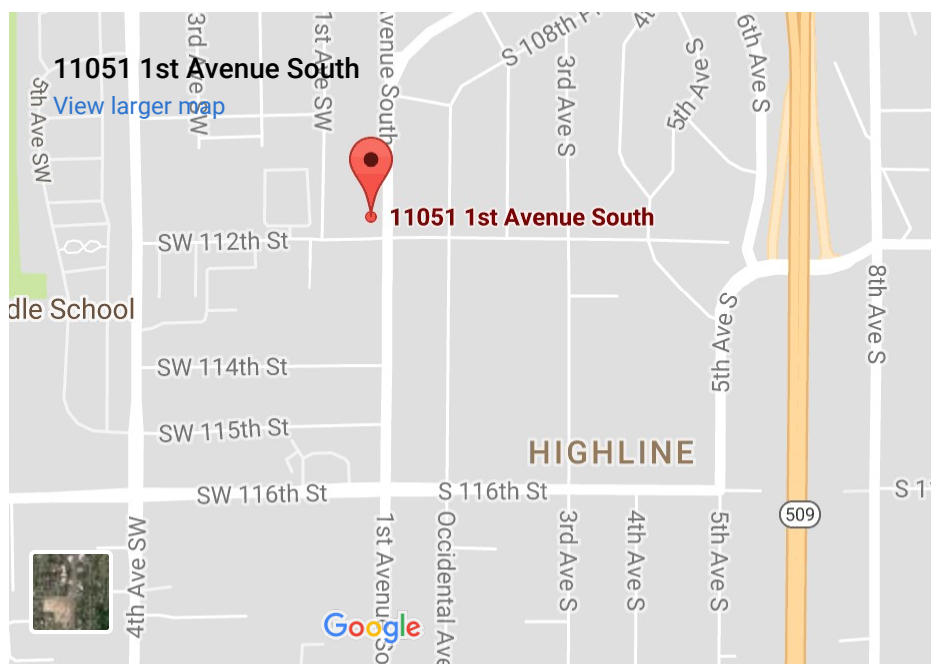
- Public Health's Environmental Health inspectors visited the restaurant on October 26, 2017.
- The restaurant management is working with Public Health and has been instructed to thoroughly clean and sanitize the restaurant before they are allowed to reopen.

LOCATION

Bombay Grill

11051 1st Ave. S.

Seattle, WA 98168



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