

Sickness outbreak at Tulare County country club traced to norovirus

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An outbreak of illness among people who visited the Visalia County Club in Visalia was caused by exposure to norovirus, the Tulare County Public Health Department said Thursday.

The pathogen was detected in stool samples of people who got sick, the department said.

Fifty-one people reported illness that lasted one or two days and included symptoms including vomiting, diarrhea, nausea, chills, fever and possible dehydration.

Dr. Karen Haught, county public health officer, said there were no reports of anyone having to be hospitalized.

Norovirus is the most common cause of gastroenteritis, or vomiting and diarrhea. It is passed through person-to-person contact with an infected person, food, water or by touching contaminated surfaces.

The food facility is closed for cleaning, the department said.