



## What is rotavirus?

- A virus that causes severe diarrhea and vomiting, which may lead to serious dehydration. It affects mostly babies and young children. Rotavirus vaccine protects against illness.

## What are symptoms that occur?

- Watery diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Stomach pain
- Fever
- Loss of appetite

## How is it spread?

- Stool of people who are infected; hands, diapers, toys, changing tables
- Rotavirus is a tough virus and can live on objects for several days unless killed by disinfectant
- Infected person may shed large amounts of virus for up to 10 days after onset of symptoms

## How is it diagnosed and treated?

- Primary care provider and laboratory testing
- Children are treated by replacing lost body fluids through drinking liquids

## Should the sick individual be isolated?

- Yes. Keep home and away from other children.

## When can the individual return to the general population?

- Individual may return when they are symptom-free and feel well

## How can rotavirus be prevented?

- Get vaccinated for rotavirus
- Wash hands often with soap and water
- Avoid sharing objects that have been in the mouth (toys, pacifiers, silverware, etc.)

## If I have any other questions, whom can I contact?

- Call the Genesee County Health Department, 257-1017