University Health Service (UHS) reports the total number of students from River Campus and the Eastman School of Music presenting cases of Norovirus-like symptoms over the past several days is 87, with fewer than 20 new cases overnight and this morning. Most all of the reported cases continue to be on River Campus. One student has required hospitalization, and some individuals have been treated in the emergency department.

Not seeing a huge spike in the number of new cases is good news for today, but the recommendations for increased hand washing and sanitized cleaning must continue to be followed until further notice in order to keep this outbreak under control.

Updates:

- Dining Services is transitioning to plastic wrapped utensils and napkins, and has temporarily suspended the use of self-service operations on the River Campus. This action also includes closing the Faculty Club until further notice. Again, this action is no reflection on the food itself being a source of illness, and all other dining services are open as scheduled.
- All other University operations are continuing as scheduled at this point.
- University Facilities is continuing with its comprehensive surface sanitizing protocol, which is being supplemented by ServPro hygienists and sanitization crews.

Reminders:

- If you see a bathroom or area of campus that needs immediate cleaning and disinfection as a result of someone being sick/vomiting, please call the University Facilities Customer Service line at 273-4567, which has staff ready 24 hours a day during this time.
- Because the Norovirus particles can live on surfaces for weeks, the most effective protection against becoming infected is proper and frequent handwashing. Here are the CDC guidelines on handwashing: [http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html](http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html).
- The CDC recommends that individuals who have contracted the Norovirus not go into public areas for 48 hours after their symptoms have ended.
- Repeated and daily cleaning using the Clorox Germicidal wipes, which are proven to be very effective against the Norovirus, will limit the spread of the virus particles on surfaces. Additional cleaning agents that specifically list “bleach” as an ingredient also kill the Norovirus.

To view the previous notices on this issue, please visit the UHS website at: [https://www.rochester.edu/uhs/](https://www.rochester.edu/uhs/). For CDC information on Norovirus, visit: [http://www.cdc.gov/norovirus/about/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/norovirus/about/index.html).