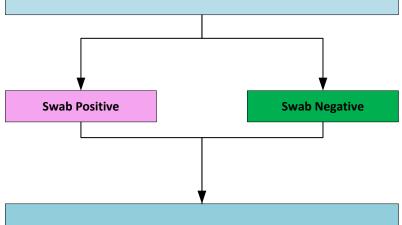


## **Infection Prevention and Control**

## Viral Gastrointestinal Illness (VGI) Containment Algorithm

## **VGI Case Definition:**

- 2 or more episodes of diarrhea within a 24 hour period, above what is considered normal for that individual, **OR**
- 2 or more episodes of vomiting within a 24 hour period, **OR**
- 1 episode of vomiting and diarrhea within a 24 hour period, OR
- 1 episode of bloody diarrhea, OR
- Lab confirmation of a know enteric pathogen with at least one symptoms compatible with a GI infection (e.g. nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pains, blood stools, or tenderness)
- Initiate Contact Plus Precautions for symptomatic client(s). Add Droplet Precautions when vomiting present
- Collect specimens for clients that meet case definition
- Initiate a paper line list to track symptomatic client(s)



Maintain additional precautions until symptoms have stopped for **48 hours AND returned to baseline** bowel movements or until infectious cause is ruled out.

If there are **three or more clients in a 4 day period** that meet the case definition, notify IPAC:

- Monday to Friday: email ICP-ambulatorycommunity@vch.ca
- Saturday/Sunday/Statutory Holidays: email ICP-ChargeRN@vch.ca