

# Facts Metro Detroit Businesses and Corporations Must Be Aware of Concerning Norovirus

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With the seemingly endless growth of germs and bacteria surfacing in the business work environment; having knowledge on what methodologies best combats the spread of germs, can help decrease the level of germs and bacteria, a business or corporation faces. After all, today, there is the Norovirus, to be concerned with. Luckily, the Environmental Protection Agency, has provided a list of antimicrobial products that should be kept on campus, to help prevent the growth and spread of germs in the work environment.

## What is the Norovirus?

According to the CDC (Center of Disease Control), Norovirus is a contagious virus that causes diarrhea and vomiting. This virus can be contracted from an infected person; consuming contaminated food or water; touching contaminated surfaces, and touching your face or putting fingers in your mouth (CDC.gov, 2018).

## How Can Your Business Prevent the Spread of the Norovirus in the Office?

Using products approved by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), can be an effective method to stop the spread of the Norovirus, in your office and/or work environment.

## How Can I Acquire a List of Approved Products to Combat the Norovirus?

The link provided by the EPA, was last updated on April 4, 2018. This list of products are considered reliable, to help combat the spread of Norovirus in work environments:

<https://bit.ly/2O4aj7r>

## How Can My Business or Corporation Be Sure Our Cleaning Staff Utilizes Approved Products?

Developing a standard Cleaning Product Usage Policy on the cleaning products approved for use in the office, is a dynamic approach to combating this issue. To acquire a model of such a policy, log on to the Indiana University Bloomington web site at: <https://bit.ly/2IcF2ts> and be sure to modify this policy to meet the needs of your office or business or corporate environment.

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