Vomit Incident in a Pool
Response Plan

1. Establish a vomit incident response kit of scoops, nets, buckets and personal protective equipment. Locate adjacent to pool area in an easily accessible location.

2. On occurrence of vomit contamination incident immediately close the contaminated pool.

3. Remove as much vomit material as possible from pool using vomit incident response kit and dispose of vomit material in a toilet.

4. Check that the pool water chemistry complies with minimum criteria for disinfectant, pH and reserve alkalinity.

5. Check filtration (and coagulation) is efficient.

6. Allow one turnover period before re-opening pool.

7. Backwash the filter to waste or replace media / cartridge as appropriate at the end of the day.

8. Re-test the pool, and log the incident and remedial action taken. Re-establish vomit incident response kit.

Contact local Public Health Unit for further advice - September 2013