

# As many as 200 sickened in Seattle tower norovirus outbreak

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As many as 200 people have gotten sick in a norovirus outbreak at a downtown Seattle office building.

King County health officials are still investigating the outbreak that began last week. Illness at the Russell Investments Center grew exponentially after a catered event in the building, but several cases were reported before the event last Tuesday.

Two people spent one night in a hospital because of norovirus, and another eight people were treated in emergency rooms during the past week.

A King County medical epidemiologist said norovirus is very common this time of year, and more than a dozen outbreaks are confirmed or probable in the county each year.

The building has been thoroughly cleaned, and all food service in the building has been shut down by the health department.

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