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Mary Immaculate College, Limerick
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**Mary Immaculate College to close until Monday 16th March
following confirmation of 7 cases of Norovirus (Winter Vomiting Bug) amongst students.**

Earlier this week a number of students presented themselves to the Medical Centre at Mary Immaculate College with gastric flu like symptoms including diarrhoea and vomiting. The College immediately contacted the HSE who following their investigations have today confirmed seven individual cases of Norovirus (Winter Vomiting Bug) amongst the students.

Despite the fact that no new cases of the virus have been presented since Tuesday the College, in consultation with the HSE, has taken the decision to implement effective control measures, including the suspension of all College activities, in order to facilitate the intensive cleaning and sanitisation of the College campus so as to prevent a secondary introduction of the virus.

Contrary to recent speculation these incidents are not connected to the recent Student Union's Ball which was held at the South Court Hotel last Friday night.

The College expressed their gratitude to the HSE for the swift and professional manner in which they dealt with this matter and thanked them for their advice and assistance over the past few days.

Mary Immaculate College will remain closed to all parties until Monday 16th March with effect from 5 pm today. All student activities, including lectures, tutorials, etc. are postponed until 9am on Wednesday 18th March 2009.

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