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Infection poses almost no c

By John Fulwider Staff Reporter

Despite several reported cases in Lancaster County, an infection that causes profuse diarrhea is not a danger to Lincoln residents, a Lincoln health official said.

Brenda Christie, a public health nurse at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, said the one-celled organism Cryptosporidium parvum is acquired mostly from contaminated surface water.

Because Lincoln gets its water from wells, she said, the danger is minimal.

Three Lincoln residents have tested positive for the infection since Saturday, she said. Besides diarrhea, the infection causes nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramping and fever.

Carol Ash, University Health Center communications coordinator, said ing up after pets is a must, she said. one case had been reported there.

"Obviously, it's not an epidemic," she said.

Dr. Mary Lutz treated the infected female student, who lives off campus.

infection while swimming at Woods Memorial Pool, 3200 J St. That pool closed for the season Sunday.

Dr. Ralph Ewert of the Health Center offers some advice for studentsadvice, he said, that the city of Lincoln might not like.

"My advice would be to stay away from public swimming pools until this is all over," he said.

The infection can be acquired from swimming in any contaminated water, even chlorinated swimming pools. It can be passed to people from other infected people and animals.

Christie said the best way to avoid the infection was to practice good hygiene. Thorough hand washing after changing babies' diapers and clean-

People also should not drink unpasteurized milk, swallow water while swimming or drink untreated water. Ewert and Lutz said the infection

The student thought she acquired the presented no serious danger to people with healthy immune systems. There is no treatment for the infection in healthy individuals - their bodies usually take care of it in one to three days

> But people with weakened immune systems - those who are HIV-positive or undergoing chemotherapy have cause for concern, as with any other infection. There are treatments for those cases, but they are expensive.

> The last major outbreak of the infection was in Milwaukee in 1993. Following a breakdown of the city's water filtration system, 400,000 people were diagnosed. Milwaukee used surface, not well water.

> Lutz said people who experience symptoms of the infection for more than one day should see a doctor, especially if they handle food at work. "Call in sick and come in to the Health Center," she said.

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