

## **WHY UNTREATED SURFACING SEWAGE IS CONSIDERED A PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCE**

**Pools Of untreated sewage on the surface of the ground can be a medium of disease transmission to humans and water-borne microbial pathogens.**

**When people come in direct contact with untreated sewage, the sewage may contain bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can make people ill.**

### **Bacteria commonly found in sewage include**

*Aeromonas*  
*Clostridium*  
*E. coli*  
*Salmonella*

### **Viruses commonly found in sewage include**

Hepatitis  
Norwalk  
Rotavirus

Parasites found in sewage include:

Cryptosporidium

Standing water of any kind, and this includes pools of sewage can be a breeding ground for mosquitoes. In this area mosquitoes can be carriers of Western Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus.