Table 3 Duration of gastrointestinal illness among students in the evaluation study according to the date when symptoms started

| Date symptoms started | No. of cases | Duration of illness (days) <br> Mean (SD) |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Before 6 Oct 2009 | 7 | $10.9(9.4)$ | $2.2-19.6$ |
| 6-26 Oct 2009 |  | $4.4(3.5)^{\mathrm{a}}$ | $3.7-5.1$ |
| 26 Oct-5 Nov 2009 | 97 | $3.4(2.6)$ | $0.2-6.6$ |
| 5-16 Nov 2009a | 5 | $2.6(2.0)^{\mathrm{a}}$ | $1.9-3.4$ |
| 16-23 Nov 2009 | 28 | $2.0-$ | - |
| All specified | 1 | $4.3(4.0)$ | $5.0-3.7$ |
| All unspecified | 138 | - | - |
| Total | 257 | - | - |

${ }^{\mathrm{a} P}<0.02$, comparing the 2 outbreaks.
$\mathrm{SD}=$ standard deviation; $\mathrm{CI}=$ confidence interval.

