

# Environmental Health

**ABOUT THE COVER**



Supermarkets represent an important public access to a wide variety of food that is vital to our health. The supermarket is also a location where food, the public, and pathogens can

meet. The study highlighted in this month's cover article, "The Spread of a Norovirus Surrogate via Reusable Grocery Bags in a Grocery Supermarket," developed and tested a hypothesized norovirus transmission pathway via reusable grocery bags (RGBs) within a conventional grocery supermarket. Study data show that the norovirus surrogate on the RGBs spread to all surfaces touched by the shopper, highlighting a public health risk and the need for better education, disinfection, and strategies to alleviate the risk.

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