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Advice to Those Who Handled Viet Children

Volunteers who contacted diarrhea or other symptoms of infection after caring for the Vietnamese children flown here earlier this month should consult their physicians, health officials advised yesterday.

None of the children showed any evidence they were carrying "exotic" or dangerous tropical diseases, according to Dr. Fred Stark at Letterman General hospital.

But many apparently did carry common bacteria and viruses that caused about 300 cases of diarrhea and a few upper respiratory infections among the 5000 volunteers, Stark said.

There is still the possibility of viral illnesses like hepatitis arising in the volunteers, he said. Physicians whose patients were among volunteers caring for the Vietnamese children should contact Stark at Letterman. His phone number is 561-4275.