**LETTER TO PARENTS AND STAFF**

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|  **Concerning letters to parents and staff:*** No letters should be sent unless diagnosis has been confirmed by a laboratory test.
* No letters should be sent without prior consent of the CLSC nurse.
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Daycare or school: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Subject:** **Streptococcus infection**

Dear parents,

Dear staff members,

Cases of streptococcus infections have been diagnosed at the daycare or school. Streptococcus is a bacterium that can cause a variety of infections, such as infections of the skin (impetigo) and the throat (pharyngo-tonsillitis). The symptoms of streptococcal pharyngo-tonsillitis often include fever, sore throat, swollen glands and, sometimes, nausea and vomiting. If these symptoms are combined with a skin rash, the child probably has scarlet fever.

Anyone at daycare or school who has these symptoms should see a doctor. Laboratory tests will be done and antibiotics prescribed if needed.

These recommendations also apply to all people who live with the person who attended the daycare or the school.

People with streptococcal infections are not allowed in daycare or school until at least 24 hours after starting an antibiotic treatment and until their general state of health permits them to return.

Bring this letter with you to your medical consultation.

We recommend advising the daycare or school if the infection is confirmed.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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