# LETTER TO PARENTS/TUTORS AND STAFF MEMBERS

**IMPORTANT**: Prior approval from a health care professional or the Direction de la santé publique **IS MANDATORY** BEFORE sending the letter.

Date: Daycare or school:

# Subject: Conjunctivitis

Dear parents/tutors or staff:

There are currently a few cases of conjunctivitis in your child’s daycare [group] or school [class].

Conjunctivitis is an inflammation of the eye. It can be caused by a virus or a bacteria.

A child with conjunctivitis will have a red eye and secretions that ooze from their eye. Their eyelids may be stuck together and they may complain of feeling or as though there is sand in their eye. A local antibiotic may be prescribed when a bacterial origin is suspected and the symptoms persist for 48 to 72 hours. There is no treatment for viral conjunctivitis, but it is very contagious. Hygiene measures, among others, hand hygiene, must be reinforced, especially before and after contact with he child’s eyelids.

If the conjunctivitis is accompanied by fever or has a significant impact on the eye (severe swelling or redness, excessive secretions, change in vision or serious pain), we encourage you to consult a health care professional for an assessment. Bring this letter with you. If your child has these symptoms, please inform the person in charge of the daycare or school.

Thank you for cooperation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

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

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