# LETTER TO PARENTS/TUTORS AND STAFF MEMBERS

**IMPORTANT** :

* **Reportable diseases (RDs) must always be reported to the Direction de la santé publique** (in cases of infectious gastroenteritis, please report if the attack rate is higher than 15%) **to have the process validated.**
* Prior approval from a health care professional or the Direction de la santé publique IS **MANDATORY BEFORE** sending this letter.
* L’accord préalable d’un professionnel de la santé compétent ou de la direction de la santé publique est **OBLIGATOIRE AVANT** que la lettre soit envoyée.

Date: Daycare or school:

# Subject: Gastroenteritis

Dear parents/tutors or staff members:

There are currently several people with diarrhea or vomiting at the daycare or school.

Gastroenteritis can be contagious.

A child with diarrhea or vomiting should stay home if one of the following is present:

* They have a fever.
* They are too sick to participate in daycare or class activities.
* They have vomited within the past 24 hours.
* They have loose stools and:
	+ There is mucous or blood in their stools (medical consultation recommended); or
	+ They are unable to make it to the bathroom on time for every bowel movement (incontinent); or
	+ They wear diapers and the stools cannot be contained in their diaper.

While the child has diarrhea or vomiting, they must not go to any bathing areas until 24 hours after these symptoms end.

If you consult a doctor, bring this letter.

For more information, we suggest you see the page [*Gastroenteritis (stomach flu)*](https://www.quebec.ca/sante/problemes-de-sante/grippe-rhume-et-gastro/gastro-enterite#c1810) at the website Quebec.ca.

 Thank you for your cooperation.

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

 (Please print)

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

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