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**To: Child Care Facility Operators and Family Day Home Providers within Alberta Health Services – North Zone**

**Re: Outbreak Management Preparations and Expectations**

As the operator of a child care facility or family day home, you are committed to protect the health and safety of the children to whom you provide care. As such, it is important that you and your staff are always on the lookout for increased illness “outbreaks” in your child care facility or family day home, and that the appropriate action is taken when a potential outbreak is identified.

The information and resources available on our website are designed to assist you and your staff in identifying and reporting possible outbreaks of illness in your facility or family day home ([www.ahs.ca/nzmoh](http://www.ahs.ca/nzmoh)). There you will find:

#### **Outbreak Management Documents**

- [Algorithm for Identifying and Reporting Suspect Outbreaks in North Zone Child Care Facilities and Family Day Homes](#)
- [Early Outbreak Recognition Childcare Checklist Form](#)
- [Childcare Public Health Line List Form](#)

#### **Recommended Procedures**

- [Respiratory and Gastrointestinal outbreak management guidance – Childcare](#)
- [Suggested Surface Cleaning/Disinfection Guideline](#)
- [Cleaning and Disinfecting, Blood Spills, Feces, Vomit and other Body Fluids](#)
- [Stool Specimen Collection Instructions](#)

If you have questions or require additional information on managing outbreaks contact AHS North Zone Public Health:

- **North Zone CDC Intake** – Influenza Like Illness (ILI) or other communicable disease concerns - Regular office hours – 1-855-513-7530
- **Environmental Public Health** - Gastrointestinal Illness - Contact your location Public Health Inspector - <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/service.aspx?id=1052203>
- **After Hours:** Phone: 1-800-732-8981 (Ask for Environmental Public Health on Call, OR Public Health on Call).

Thank you for partnering with Alberta Health Services in this important work.

Sincerely,

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