

SAMPLE LETTER TO PARENTS TO COMPLETE HEPATITIS INVESTIGATION

Dear Parent:

It has been six weeks since a case of hepatitis A associated with _____ Child Care Center has been reported to us. If any family members or other close contacts of your child have been diagnosed as having hepatitis or had a hepatitis-like illness (nausea, vomiting, lack of appetite, fatigue, abdominal pain, yellow skin or eyes) in the past six weeks, please call _____ Local Health Department at (phone) as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Name)

(Local Health Department)

This letter should only be issued under the direction of a local public health department or the Center for Acute Disease Epidemiology (CADE) which is part of the Iowa Department of Public Health. Individual healthcare providers, school officials, and childcare providers are not authorized to independently issue this letter.