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To/Kia: GP's and Practice nurses at Primary Care Centres, the After-hours Centres and the Emergency Department in the greater Wellington and Wairarapa region.	From/Na: Dr Annette Nesdale Medical Officer of Health Regional Public Health
Cc: Paediatric Departments	
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Information for primary care providers on an increase in rotaviral gastroenteritis in the Wellington Region

Please distribute the following public health alert to all your staff

Kind regards,

Dr Annette Nesdale
Medical Officer of Health

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To: General Practitioners, Practice Nurses, Practice Managers and Emergency Departments in the greater Wellington region and the Wairarapa

From: Dr Annette Nesdale, Medical Officer of Health, Regional Public Health

Cc: Paediatric Departments

Re: Rotavirus outbreaks in Wellington Region

Information for primary care providers on rotavirus outbreaks in the Wellington Region

Regional Public Health are aware of several confirmed outbreaks of gastroenteritis caused by rotavirus in children under 5 years in early childhood care centres (ECCs) in the Wellington region, since August 2014. Rotavirus is very infectious and can spread very quickly in an ECC. Parents at the affected centres have received advice, including contacting their doctor if they are concerned about their child.

Rotavirus causes an illness where symptoms often fluctuate. It is for this reason that we recommend that children with suspected rotavirus stay away from the ECC for at least 48 hours after diarrhoea and vomiting have stopped completely, and the child is well.

Confirmed rotavirus is notifiable to the medical Officer of Health only if a child attends, or an adult works at, an ECC. Please provide the name of the Early Childhood Centre if notifying Public Health.

For further information please contact Regional Public Health on 570 9002.

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