Date:

Dear [GP name]

This letter is to inform you that a resident of [insert RCF name] has been diagnosed with invasive Group A Streptococcus (iGAS) infection. Following public health risk assessment, [Patient name] has been identified as a close contact of the iGAS case.

[Patient name] has developed the following symptoms but was well at the time of assessment.

Please tick all that apply

Sore throat

High temperature (38oC or higher)

Chills

Muscle aches

Minor skin infection

Scarlet fever rash

Other (*please specify below*)

We would be grateful for your assessment and management of [patient name] as per national guidance. These guidelines state the following:

Symptomatic close contacts of an iGAS case, with symptoms that could be attributable to non-invasive GAS Infection (e.g., sore throat/impetigo), should be treated with empiric antibiotics. Treatment should not be delayed by awaiting microbiology lab confirmation.

Further details are available here: [Guidance for General Practitioners and Others on the Management of Infections Caused by Group A Streptococcus](https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/other/groupastreptococcaldiseasegas/guidance/File,14035,en.pdf).

We will continue to monitor his/her condition and will inform you of any new or worsening symptoms.

Yours sincerely,

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[Name and title of RCF contact person]

[insert RCF name]