Dear [insert name],

Thank you for your participation in our study, “xxx”. Your results as well as information about serology tests are included below. If you have any questions, please contact the Protocol Director, xxx at xxx.

A serology test, also known as an antibody test, helps to determine if a person may have been infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. The test looks for the presence of antibodies, which are specific proteins made in response to infections. Antibodies are detected in the blood of people who are tested after infection; they show an immune response to the infection.

**Serology Test Results:** You tested Positive/Negative.

We do not know if the antibodies that result from SARS-CoV-2 infection will provide someone with protection (immunity) from getting infected again. If antibodies do provide immunity, we don’t know how much antibody you must have or how long protection might last. The results from the antibody test do not confirm or rule out a COVID-19 infection. There is a possibility that the results may be incorrect, and you may or may not actually have COVID-19 antibodies. False positive results could be due to past or present infection with non-COVID-19 strains of a virus but are uncommon. It can take 1-2 weeks after onset of symptoms before an immune response develops.

[To determine if you have a COVID-19 infection, you will need to have a molecular diagnostic test. If you develop symptoms, please contact your health care provider for COVID-19 diagnostic testing and tell your health care provider you tested positive/negative on an antibody test.]

[The serology test used in this study has been designed and validated for research purposes but has not been approved or reviewed by the FDA].

[The serology test is authorized by the FDA under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for use by certified laboratories].

[If SARS-CoV-2 PCR Test also performed]:

**SARS-CoV-2 (PCR) Diagnostic Test Results:** You tested Positive/Negative for the COVID-19 virus. The virus [was/was not] present in your [nasal/nasopharyngeal/saliva] sample.

For negative results: [We will be notifying the local county public health department of your results.] It is possible that you were very early in your infection at the time of your specimen collection and that you could test positive later. A negative test result does not rule out getting sick with COVID-19 later. Please keep monitoring your health and contact your health care provider if you develop symptoms.

For positive results: We will be notifying the local county public health department of your results. Most people will have only minor symptoms related to COVID. People with the following conditions are at a higher risk for serious COVID-19 symptoms: over 60 years of age; have chronic health conditions such as lung disease, heart disease, or diabetes; have weakened immune systems; or are pregnant. Remember to stay at home except to get medical care. Self-isolate for at least 14 days and until your illness is better. Get rest and stay hydrated. Take over-the-counter medicines, such as acetaminophen, to help you feel better. If your symptoms get worse, you have difficulty breathing, or you develop other concerning symptoms, call your doctor immediately. If it is an emergency, call 911. Please see the CDC website for more information on steps to take if you have tested positive for COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

No matter your result, you should continue to follow the shelter-in-place order and all the other recommendations of the County Public Health Department and Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Continue to take steps to protect yourself and others:

1. Continue social distancing.

2. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

3. Cover your coughs and sneezes.

4. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

5. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

6. Wash your hands often with soap & water for at least 20 seconds.

7. Stay at home, except to get medical care.