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Dear Resident,

COVID-19 is a disease caused by the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2). The Ohio Department of Health and The Ohio State University are offering no-cost COVID-19 testing to approximately 1,200 adults chosen at random in Ohio. We want to see how many people currently have COVID-19, and how many people were infected in the past. The results of this study will help us understand the spread and impact of COVID-19 throughout the state. Additionally, this information may allow state agencies to prepare for the distribution of resources to meet local needs.

Your household was chosen as part of a larger group of households that may be visited by the project team. Participation is completely voluntary. Although we hope that you will want to participate if we come to your home, you can refuse at any time. There is no cost to you.

A team will be coming to your community during the week of [schedule]. **If you do not want to participate, please contact us and we will remove your household from the list.** You can reach us through our website (<http://u.osu.edu/ocap/contact-us/>), email (OCAP@OSU.EDU), or by calling or texting (614) 407-5737. **If you want to participate, you do not need to contact us.** The project will be recruiting participants seven days a week, between 8 AM and 8 PM. Depending on how many households agree to participate in your community, not all households receiving a letter will be visited by a project team.

When the project team visits a home:

1. We will select one adult at random from your household to participate.
2. We will ask the selected adult some questions about their health and other topics (10 minutes).
3. A nurse will collect 15 ml of blood (about 3 teaspoons) from the arm of the selected adult. The blood will be tested for antibodies, which show whether the person had COVID-19 in the past.
4. A nurse will collect a nasal swab sample from the nose of the selected adult. The swab will be tested to see if the person has COVID-19 right now.

If the selected adult tests positive for active COVID-19 by the nasal swab test, the local health department will notify that person as soon as possible, typically within four days. If the person tests negative for active COVID-19, this result will be shared with the adult within two weeks. The results of the blood tests will be shared within two weeks whether or not they show antibodies.

We will follow standard safety procedures to ensure the well-being of those working on the project and those being tested. To improve airflow, if you have a location outside your home that is private enough for your comfort, we will do both the testing and the interview outside.

Thank you. We appreciate your willingness to volunteer your time and effort to participate in this project.

Sincerely,

Coronavirus Study Team