Dear Patient:

Your doctor has requested that you have testing for the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

You will be contacted by a representative of the hospital to schedule your appointment. Your appointment will be scheduled at a location most convenient for you.

Please arrive at the time you are given. Bring photo identification with you.

When you arrive at the specimen collection station, you will be greeted by a staff member who will verify your photo identification and your appointment time.

You will proceed through the line where your information will be again verified, and the specimen will be collected.

For the specimen collection, you will have a small swab placed deep in your nose and a second swab placed in your mouth. Swabbing for nasal specimens may be uncomfortable for 15 seconds. Please bring a tissue to blow or wipe your nose.

The specimen can be taken in your vehicle in most cases. However, if this is not possible, you will be asked to exit your vehicle and sit in a chair to have the specimen collected. You may stand for the test if you would like.

The person collecting the sample will be wearing protective attire. He or she will perform hand hygiene as well as change gloves and disinfect the examination seat in between each patient.

**OBTAINING YOUR RESULTS:** Your physician will call you with the results of the test. It may take 5 - 7 days for the test results to come back. While waiting for your results, please self-quarantine at home. You can also review your test in MyChart. If you have not received a call after 7 days, call 203-688-1700.

Please note that if your test returns positive for COVID-19, there is currently no treatment available for it. You should stay home and call your physician if you develop worsening symptoms and need to be re-evaluated.

Please monitor yourself for a fever that does not resolve, shortness of breath, and worsening respiratory symptoms.

Please review the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on COVID-19.