**Attachment to DC Department of Human Services Guidance for Hospitals on Serving Homeless Patients: Discharge Letter for Homeless Individuals**

**Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

During your visit to our healthcare facility, we tested you for the pathogen that causes Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). It may take up to 5 days for your healthcare provider to receive your results. Because you identified that you are staying in a congregate low-barrier shelter, the DC Department of Human Services (DHS) – in coordination with DC Health – will provide accommodations at a predetermined designated quarantine site while you wait for test results. While your test results are pending – to prevent potentially spreading the COVID-19 virus – we ask that you take the following precautions:

* Remain inside your quarantine site to the maximum extent possible; no guests are allowed.
* Practice social distancing if you do come in contact with other people (e.g., DHS staff), staying at least six feet away at all times and wearing a surgical mask to prevent spread of the virus.
* Contact DHS staff on site if you need assistance (contact information will be provided once you arrive at your designated location).
* Practice good hygiene:
  + Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
  + If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands with the sanitizer and rub them together until they feel dry.
  + Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
  + Cover your cough and sneeze with the inside of our elbow.

If your test results show that you are positive for the virus that causes COVID-19, you will be asked to continue to isolate. If your results are negative, you will be released. The DHS staff at your quarantine site will assist you with next steps when the results are ready.