Dear

Following on from your cholera / *Shigella dysenteriae* (delete as appropriate) infection, this letter explains Department of Health requirements for testing to check that you no longer carry the infection.

Before you can return to work as a food handler, health care worker, residential care worker or child care worker, or before returning to child care, you need to provide 2 faecal specimens and both must be clear of cholera / *Shigella dysenteriae* (delete as appropriate). The 2 faecal specimens need to be collected at least 24 hours apart and collected at least 48 hours after your last diarrhoeal episode.

Collection of these specimens can be organised through the hospital, if you were admitted for your illness, or through your GP. We can assist in organising this, or if neither of these options is possible, make another arrangement. Please contact me to organise the testing.

Remember that cholera / *Shigella dysenteriae* (delete as appropriate) can be passed from person-to-person, so you must be very careful with hygiene until you are clear of the infection. I have attached an information sheet about preventing the spread of gastroenteritis. This information applies to preventing the spread of cholera / *Shigella dysenteriae* (delete as appropriate). Also attached is an information sheet with more specific details about cholera / *Shigella* infection (delete as appropriate).

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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