Dear

You have been identified as having been in close contact with a person with typhoid / paratyphoid *(delete as appropriate)*. As typhoid / paratyphoid *(delete as appropriate)* is highly infectious and can cause serious illness, this letter explains Department of Health requirements for testing to check whether you also have 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 (or your child) need to provide 2 faecal specimens and both must be clear of the bacterial organisms that cause typhoid / paratyphoid *(delete as appropriate)*. The specimens need to be collected at least 24 hours apart.

Collection of these faecal specimens can be organised through your GP, with our assistance. If this option is not possible you can contact me to organise the testing.

You must be extra careful with hygiene until you know that both of your test results are negative. I have attached an information sheet about preventing the spread of gastroenteritis. This information applies to preventing the spread of typhoid and paratyphoid. Also attached is an information sheet with more specific details about typhoid and paratyphoid fever.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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