TEMPLATE LETTER FOR SUSPECT/CONFIRMED *C. AURIS* PATIENTS DISCHARGED HOME

*Instructions to facility:*

* *If patient is confirmed positive for C. auris (any specimen source), use yellow portions*
* *If patient is was potentially exposed to C. auris and has not been tested, use blue portions*
* *Delete all non-relevant information on this document. Modify the rest as desired.*

Dear [NAME],

We are sharing this letter because you have [been confirmed to be positive for *Candida auris* / may have been exposed to *Candida auris* during your stay with us].

*C. auris* is a type of yeast that is resistant to some antifungal medications and can be spread in healthcare settings through exposure to healthcare environment or contact with other patients who have this germ. Most people may simply have *C. auris* on their skin and never get sick as a result- this is called colonization and does not need to be treated. A small proportion of people with *C. auris* may develop an infection, which can be treated with antifungal medications.

As a precaution, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) recommends that you [notify your healthcare provider about your *C. auris* positive test result / talk to your healthcare provider about getting tested for *C. auris* colonization] the next time you are admitted to a healthcare facility. This way, they can ensure that they can take the appropriate steps to ensure this organism doesn’t spread to other people in their facility. Generally, you don’t need to be re-tested once you test positive.

We encourage you to take this letter with you the next time you go to your doctor so they can better understand the situation. You may learn more about *C. auris* on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/fungal/candida-auris/patients-qa.html>

Thank you,