**Subject: Coordination and Assistance Needed for Senior Diagnostic Testing**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_[name of [state/local health department](https://www.naccho.org/membership/lhd-directory)],

As a not-for-profit affordable senior housing provider, we care deeply for the residents we support through this health crisis. **By working together to establish mobile testing sites at our communities, we have an opportunity to increase much-needed access to rapid and low-cost diagnostic testing for our low-income senior residents.**

Our senior affordable housing communities serve \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [number of residents] older adults in individual apartment units. Many of our residents have underlying health conditions or mobility restrictions that prevent them from accessing designated testing sites throughout our state. Further, as a federally-subsidized independent housing property, we have no medically-trained staff at our facility to help administer COVID-19 tests to residents, and we cannot utilize our project funds for this purpose.

On behalf of our residents and staff, we are reaching out to request that as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [name of health department] develops plans for testing partnerships throughout our area, you take the following actions:

* Prioritize our senior housing site as location for a mobile testing facility to make diagnostic testing available for residents and staff of our community, and
* Partner with our community to make educational and medical resources available to our senior residents.

Like you, we are acutely aware of the high risk faced by our residents during the COVID-19 crisis, and look forward to partnering with you to help keep our residents healthy. We are located at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [community address] and can be reached at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_[phone/email].

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [name, organization]