

## Testing Email Template

*You can use the email or letter template below to share important information about testing with your community. The template helps inform your community about testing events and how they can get a test. It can be customized to fit your community.*

Dear Congregation,

Faith calls on us to love and protect our neighbors and communities. Today, faith gives us strength and calls us to protect our community from COVID-19. We want to make sure you have all the information and resources you need to get tested for COVID-19 and help slow the spread of the virus in our community.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, or are concerned that you may have been exposed to the virus, please get tested. COVID-19 testing is often provided at local health departments, doctor and clinician offices, hospitals and clinics, pharmacy sites, and other community locations. **The best way to locate a testing place is to use Find My Testing Place**, an online tool provided by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) to help find a local testing site. You can access the tool on your computer or on your phone by going to [ncdhhs.gov/TestingPlace](https://ncdhhs.gov/TestingPlace). I've also provided below a list of a few upcoming no-cost testing events in our area:

- <Insert upcoming testing events in your community, if applicable>

If you test positive, or have been exposed to COVID-19, and need to quarantine or isolate for 14 days, then please follow the instructions because it is necessary to protect your loved ones and neighbors. Please know that you may be eligible for temporary support services and resources, including housing support, financial assistance, and food assistance.

- Insert other ways that your specific community supports those who have the virus

This virus continues to impact our communities across North Carolina. It is a virus that does not discriminate in who it attacks. It is a virus that silently marches forward and only slows its spread when we, caring community members, take action. Remember, the best way to stop COVID-19 is to prevent it. When you leave home, be sure to practice the 3 Ws: WEAR mask over your mouth and nose, WAIT 6 feet apart, and WASH your hands or use hand sanitizer.

Together, we will stop the spread of this virus. Know that I am praying for you and your family. I am praying for our leaders, and I am praying for protection, health, and safety for our community.

Sincerely,