Dear ……,

I refer to your request to get an RT-PCR test in relation to my recent absence (or my child’s recent absence), and/or in relation to my recent presentation of influenza-like symptoms.

I have a medical certificate to say that I no longer present with any symptoms and that these symptoms have not been attributed to a diagnosis of COVID-19 and/or an assessment that I am a close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

As an employer or educational facility, you do not have the legal right to direct me to do an RT-PCR test, in the absence of a government direction or determination that I am a diagnosed person and/or a close contact, pursuant to the applicable directions by the Chief Health Officer.

You have the right to request a medical clearance in relation to my symptoms and my fitness for work or attendance at school.  As I have supplied you a medical certificate that I am fit for work and that I no longer present with flu-like symptoms, you are required to return me to my employment and/or schooling without an RT-PCR test immediately.

If you suspect that I have COVID-19, you will need to notify the Department of Health. I note here, however, that this must not be made in a wilful and deliberate manner to cause me any prejudice.

I also note that you are neither an Authorised Officer under the law, or a medical practitioner, authorised to carry out diagnosis and/or close contact determination.

I look forward to your response by email.

Yours faithfully,