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Ms. Victoria Ring
1601 W. Fifth Avenue
Columbus, OH 43212-2310

Dear Ms. Ring,

As is required by law, your physician has reported that you tested positive for Hepatitis B. It is very important that you understand about the disease and its possible complications. If you are a chronic carrier a physician should see you regularly; if you don't know whether you are a carrier, you need to have another blood test in approximately six months.

If you are pregnant, it is important that others in your family be screened for the disease and receives free vaccine, if appropriate. If you are pregnant, please call me at 645-7597 so that we can be sure your infant gets the proper treatment. The infants born to women who have Hepatitis B must receive two shots at birth in order to prevent them from getting the disease. It is very important that we know the following:

What is your due date? N/A What hospital do you plan to use? ✓
Has your husband/significant other had the disease or vaccine? Yes ___ No X
Do you have other children? Yes ___ No X
These tests can be provided free at the Columbus Health Department, if necessary.

***** If you are pregnant please call us at 645-7597 so that we can talk about getting your family protected from this disease.**

Respectfully,

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