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Dear Potential Participant,

Audiology is a branch of science that is constantly growing. Researchers are always working to find better ways of testing and treating hearing loss. Please consider helping us by volunteering as a participant in the pilot study of the project entitled, “**Long-term health effects of COVID-19 on the auditory and vestibular system.**” To be eligible for this study, you should have a history of positive Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) or antigen test for COVID-19 virus three or more months ago.

Purpose: The primary goal of the proposed study is to establish a relationship between COVID-19 and hearing and balance impairments that can be used to devise intervention strategies to avoid further complications of hearing and balance problems.

How long will it take? It takes about five hours to complete a clinical hearing test and balance assessment. All tests will be conducted in two to three sessions at a time that is convenient for you.

Where should I go? Most testing will be completed in the Middle Ear Lab on the UBC campus in the IRC building. One test of balance assessment will be conducted at Dr. Eytan David’s clinic, one of the collaborators of this study, at 1221 Lonsdale Ave #101B, North Vancouver.

What would I learn from these tests? You will have a complete hearing and balance check-up. As a participant in this pilot study, you will not be paid. However, you get full audiological and balance assessment without any cost. Full audiological and balance assessment are provided at high cost in clinics. The results of this assessment will be communicated to you. Proper referral to your family physician will be done if indicated.

For more information about the study or to arrange for your participation, please contact the Middle Ear Lab at (604) 822-5953, or email Navid at mel@audiospeech.ubc.ca to set up an appointment.