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Community Wellness America, Inc.
1150 Garden View Rd
PMB #231074
Encinitas, CA 92023

VIA CERTIFIED US MAIL

Re: Covid-19 Testing in San Francisco

Dear Community Wellness America:

San Francisco is increasingly concerned with unlawful, fly-by-night facilities claiming to offer COVID-19 tests to the public. We have reason to believe that Community Wellness America is associated with an unlawful COVID-19 test site in San Francisco. We write to request information establishing Community Wellness America's ability to lawfully administer COVID-19 tests in San Francisco.

On January 5, 2022, city employees learned of an individual offering COVID-19 tests in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park and elsewhere in the City on behalf of Community Wellness America Inc. An expired Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) license was produced. The purported CLIA license reflected that it expired in November 2021 and was issued to Crestview Clinical Laboratories, LLC with Carl E. Johnson, Jr. M.D. as the laboratory director.

As you are aware, entities seeking to provide COVID-19 testing must meet the legal requirements to do so, including but not limited to maintaining a valid CLIA license and complying with all applicable local regulations. As soon as possible, and no later than January 17, 2022, please provide copies of a valid CLIA license, a valid permit to operate on public property in San Francisco, and information establishing that Community Wellness America is using only FDA-approved COVID-19 tests via email to John.George@sfcityatty.org. If Community Wellness America is not authorized to administer COVID-19 tests in San Francisco, it must immediately cease providing tests in San Francisco and is prohibited from conducting testing until it is appropriately authorized to do so.

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We are available to discuss this matter at your convenience and look forward to your cooperation in ensuring the public has access to safe, reliable, and valid COVID-19 tests.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JH George", written over a horizontal line.

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