

**Date:** [Date]

**Patient Name:** [Patient Name]

**Date of Birth:** [DOB]

Dear [Patient Name or Parent/Guardian Name],

We are writing to inform you of the results of the throat culture collected on [Date of Collection].

**Result: NEGATIVE**

The culture showed no growth of Group A Streptococcus (the bacteria that causes strep throat). This means that your sore throat is likely caused by a viral infection rather than a bacterial one. Antibiotics are not effective against viruses and are not recommended at this time.

**Recommendations:**

- Gargle with warm salt water.
- Use over-the-counter pain relievers (such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen) as directed.
- Drink plenty of fluids and get adequate rest.
- Use throat lozenges or sprays for comfort.

If symptoms worsen, if you develop a high fever, or if you have difficulty breathing or swallowing, please contact our office at [Phone Number] or seek medical attention immediately.

Sincerely,

[Provider Name/Practice Name]

[Clinic Address]