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To [Landlord's name],

As I'm sure you are aware, COVID-19 is a serious health threat, and the situation is evolving daily. The risk varies between and within communities, but given the increasing number of cases in Canada, the government has warned that the risk to Canadians is considered high. For this reason, unprecedented measures have been taken to ensure physical distancing practices are met.

I or members of my household are in government-mandated self-isolation because I/we [pick any that apply]

- have recently travelled outside of the country
- have been in close contact with an individual who travelled outside of the country
- have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19
- are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 and entering the unit would put your health at risk

AND/OR

I or members of my household are at increased risk of facing severe outcomes if I/we contract the virus during your entry because we [pick any that apply]

- are aged 65 and over
- have a compromised immune system
- have underlying medical conditions

I am writing to deny your entry into my unit during this global health emergency as entering the unit would risk my health or that of members of my household, and would not be compliant with current Public Health directives. Section 20 of The Residential Tenancies Act states: "A landlord is responsible for [...] complying with *health, safety*, housing and maintenance standards." Additionally, tenants have the right to deny entry to the landlord if the landlord has not met the requirements under the RTA.

While I appreciate the difficulties that may arise, I urge you to understand that this is a public health concern that impacts *everyone* – meaning that your health is also in jeopardy. My hope is that you take seriously this global pandemic, and the accompanying human rights and public health concerns.

As safer alternatives would need more of a coordinated effort, I am open to discussing how this can work without anyone coming in.

Sincerely,

[Tenant's name]