



Our file: PHAC-A-2020-000110 / TTL



Dear Christine Massey:

This is in response to your request made under the *Access to Information Act* (the Act) for the following information:

All records in the possession, custody or control of the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) describing the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus, directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka vero cells; liver cancer cells).

Please note that I am using "isolation" in the every-day sense of the word: the act of separating a thing(s) from everything else. I am not requesting records where "isolation of SARS-COV-2" refers instead to:

- the culturing of something, or
- the performance of an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), or
- the sequencing of something.

Please also note that my request is not limited to records that were authored by the PHAC or that pertain to work done by PHAC. My request includes any sort of record, for example (but not limited to) any published peer-reviewed study that PHAC has downloaded or printed.

Clarification:

Date range of request is January 1, 2020 until June 15, 2020

Enclosed please find records responsive to your request. You will note that portions of the records are withheld from disclosure pursuant to sections 19 and 20 of the Act. For ease of reference, a copy of the Act may be found at <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/a-1/> which provides a description of the redaction(s) applied.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the processing of your request please do not hesitate to contact Tammy Turpin-Loyer, the analyst responsible for this file, by email at tammy.turpin-loyer@canada.ca with reference to our file number cited above.

Please be advised that you are entitled to complain to the Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada concerning the processing of your request within 60 days of the receipt of this notice. In the event you decide to avail yourself of this right, your notice of complaint can be made online at: <https://www.oic-ci.gc.ca/en/submitting-complaint> or by mail to:

Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada
30 Victoria Street
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Yours sincerely,

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