

Applicant Information

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Information Being Requested

Type of Request:	General Information
Government Department:	Health and Community Services
Information / Records Description:	<p>All records and communications in the possession, custody or control of the Public Health NL, Health department, Health and Community Services, 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).</p> <p>Please note that Iam using "isolation" in the every-day sense of the word: the act of separating a thing(s) from everything else.</p> <p>Iam NOT requesting records where "isolation" of SARS-COV-2 refers instead to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-the culturing of something-the performance of an amplification test(i.e a PCR test), <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the sequencing of something <p>My request includes any sort of records , for example(but not limited to) any published peer reviewed study that Public health NL considered , downloaded or printed about the isolation of Sars-Cov2.</p>
Requested Filetype:	pdf b y email

February 12, 2021

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Dear Applicant:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 [Our File #: HCS/015/2021]

On February 3, 2021, the Department of Health and Community Services (the Department) received your request for access to the following records:

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Please be advised that the Department does not have records responsive to your request.

The *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* (the “Act”) requires us to provide an advisory response within 10 days of receiving the request. As this request has been completed prior to day 10, this letter also serves as our Advisory Response.

Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the *Act*. A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner.

The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John’s, NL. A1B 3V8
Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
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Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Health and Community Services

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the *Act*.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Completed Access to Information

Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online. If you have any further questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank Wash".

Departmental Liaison
/Enclosures