January 6, 2021

To:

Dr. Fernando Ruiz Gomez Minister of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Colombia Carrera 13 No. 32-76 piso 1, Bogota, COLOMBIA

Dr. Fernando Ruiz Gomez,

This is a formal request made under the Ley de transperencia y del derecho de acceso a la informacion publica (Law on Transparency and the Right to Access Public Information) from March 6, 2014.

## **Description of Requested Records:**

All records in the possession, custody or control of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Colombia describing the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus, directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was <u>not</u> first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum).

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

Please also note that my request is not limited to records that were authored by someone at the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Colombia or that pertain to work performed by someone at the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Colombia. My request includes **any** sort of record, for example (but not limited to) any published peer-reviewed study authored by anyone, anywhere, ever that anyone at the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Colombia has downloaded or printed.

If any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each record with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, URL).

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# Format:

URLs and/or pdf documents sent to me via email; I do not wish for anything to be shipped to me.

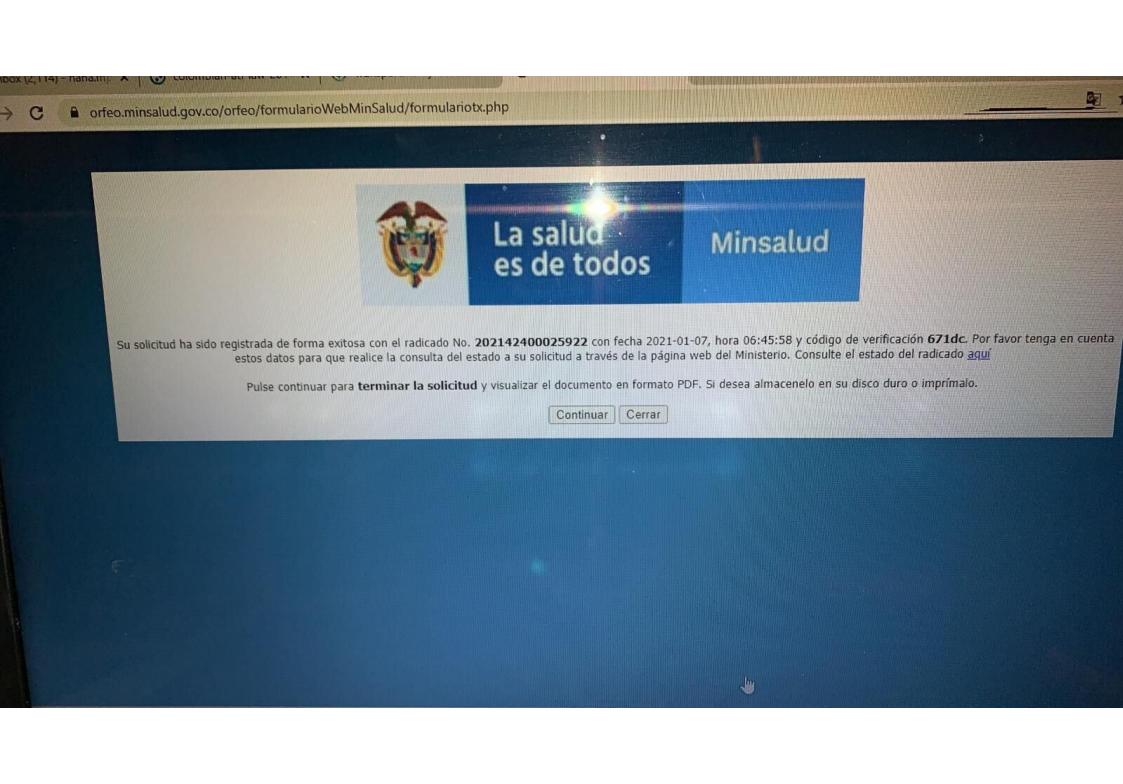
# **Contact Information:**

Last name:
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# **Application Fee:**

Thank you in advance and best wishes,





From: Envios Ministerio de Salud < <a href="mailto:envios@minsalud.gov.co">envios@minsalud.gov.co</a>>

Date: May 24, 2021 at 3:57:44 PM EDT

To:

Subject: Tramite a la solicitud del Ciudadano

Radicado

No. 202142400025922 Ministerio de Salud y Proteccion

#### **NOTIFICACIÓN DE GESTIÓN**

Fecha:2021-05-24

**Referencia:** Tramite a la solicitud del Ciudadano

El Ministerio de Salud y Protección Social se permite gestionar la solicitud en referencia, radicada con el número 202124000800281; para lo cual se envia el enlace para visualizar su respuesta.

Le informamos que esta dirección de e-mail es utilizada solamente para los envíos de la información solicitada. Por favor no responda con nuevas consultas ya que éstas no podrán ser atendidas dentro del procedimiento. Si requiere consultar nuevamente realícelo a través del link contáctenos en la página web del ministerio Servicios al Ciudadano o a la cuenta: correo@minsalud.gov.co para asuntos de notificaciones judiciales al Ministerio de Salud y Protecciósn Social, enviar a la cuenta: notificaciones judiciales@minsalud.gov.co.

Ver Documentos Adjuntos

## (AUTO TRANSLATION BY GMAIL)

From: Shipping Ministry of Health < <a href="mailto:envios@minsalud.gov.co">envios@minsalud.gov.co</a> >

**Date:** May 24, 2021 at 3:57:44 PM EDT

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To:

#### **MANAGEMENT NOTICE**

Date: 2021-05-24

**Reference:** Processing of the request of the Citizen

The Ministry of Health and Social Protection is allowed to process the request in reference, filed with the number 202124000800281; for which the link is sent to view your response.

We inform you that this e-mail address is used only for sending the requested information. Please do not respond with new inquiries as these cannot be answered within the procedure. If you need to consult again, do it through the link contact us on the website of the Ministry of Citizen Services or to the account: <a href="Correo@minsalud.gov.co">Correo@minsalud.gov.co</a> for matters of legal notifications to the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, send to the account: legal notifications @minsalud.gov.co.

See Attached Documents





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Bogotá D.C.,



ASUNTO: Derecho de Petición. Rad.202142400025922

Respetada

En atención al radicado del asunto, en el que solicita "Todos los registros en posesión, custodia o control del Ministerio de Salud y Protección Social de la República de Colombia que describan el aislamiento de un virus SARS-COV-2 y / o cualquiera de sus variantes, directamente de una muestra tomada de un paciente enfermo, donde no se combinó la muestra del paciente primero con ninguna otra fuente de material genético (es decir, células de riñón de mono, también conocidas como células Vero; suero fetal bovino)", para lo cual este Ministerio se permite precisar lo siguiente:

Conforme al Decreto 4107 de 2011 el Ministerio de Salud y Protección Social tiene como objetivo, dentro del marco de sus competencias, formular, adoptar, dirigir, coordinar, ejecutar y evaluar la política pública en materia de salud, salud pública, y promoción social en salud, y participar en la formulación de las políticas en materia de pensiones, beneficios económicos periódicos y riesgos profesionales, lo cual se desarrollará a través de la institucionalidad que comprende el sector administrativo.

De otra parte, informarle que conforme a nuestras competencias no contamos con registros que describan el aislamiento de un virus SARS-COV-2 y / o cualquiera de sus variantes, directamente de una muestra tomada de un paciente enfermo, donde <a href="mailto:no se combinó">no se combinó la muestra del paciente primero con ninguna otra fuente de material genético.</a>

Cordialmente.

## Leonardo Arregoces Castillo

Director de Medicamentos y Tecnologías en Salud

Elaboró: Lhernandez





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Revisó/Aprobó: Larregoces

SUBJECT: Right of Petition. Rad .202142400212

### Respected

In attention to the file of the matter, in which it requests "All records in possession, custody or control of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Colombia that describe the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus and / or any of its variants, directly from a sample taken from a sick patient, where the patient's sample was not combined first with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells, also known as Vero cells; bovine fetal serum)" for which this Ministry is allowed to specify the following:

In accordance with Decree 4107 of 2011, the Ministry of Health and Social Protection's objective, within the framework of its competencies, is to formulate, adopt, direct, coordinate, execute and evaluate public policy on health, public health, and social promotion in health, and to participate in the formulation of policies on pensions, periodic economic benefits and occupational risks, which will be developed through the institutional framework comprising the administrative sector.

On the other hand, to inform you that to the best of our knowledge we have no records describing the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus and/or any of its variants directly from a sample taken from a sick patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material.

Cordially yours.

## **Leonardo Arregoces Castillo**

Director of Medicines and Health Technologies

Prepared by: Lhernandez