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FOIL #: 21-02-070

Dear William Huston:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request of February 1, 2021, in which you requested “[r]ecords which indicate that the virus known as SARS-CoV-2 (a/k/a, 2019-nCoV, HCoV-19, SARSnCoV- 19, SARS-nCoV-2, and SARS2-nCoV-19) is the cause of Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19).”

The New York State Department of Health does not maintain records responsive to your request. Please be advised, the Department follows the findings and directives issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Information responsive to your request can be found on the CDC’s website at the following link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/about-covid-19/basics-covid-19.html>

Should you feel that you have been unlawfully denied access to records, you may appeal such denial in writing within 30 days to the Records Access Appeals Officer, Division of Legal Affairs, Empire State Plaza, 2438 Corning Tower, Albany, New York 12237-0026.

If you require additional information or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (518) 474-8734.

Sincerely,

Rosemarie Hewig

Rosemarie Hewig, Esq.
Records Access Officer

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