

Jan 3, 2022

To:

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Submitted via email to: [OHA.PublicRecords@state.or.us](mailto:OHA.PublicRecords@state.or.us)

Dear Ms. West and Ms. Windham,

This is a formal request for access to general records, made under Oregon's Public Records Law

This is a Public Records Request to Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for records concerning the following OHA document and also with reference to ORS433.004 and ORS433.006:

**"Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), Interim Investigative Guidelines, December 29, 2021".**

(<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/COMMUNICABLEDISEASE/REPORTINGCOMMUNICABLEDISEASE/REPORTINGGUIDELINES/Documents/Novel-Coronavirus-2019.pdf>)

In the .pdf document issued above, section 2.1 says:

## 2.1 Etiologic Agent

**Coronaviruses are enveloped, single-stranded RNA viruses.** With the notable exceptions of SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV, most human coronaviruses typically cause mild upper respiratory illness. The coronavirus causing COVID-19 was first identified in Wuhan, China in December 2019 among patients with severe respiratory illness and pneumonia and has since spread around the globe through person-to-person transmission. **Genetic sequencing of isolates** demonstrates that the COVID-19 virus is a betacoronavirus with roughly 80% genome identity with SARS-CoV and 50% with MERS-CoV. **The virus that causes COVID-19 has been named “SARS-CoV-2.”** Variants with demonstrated or suspected characteristics of public health importance such as increased transmissibility, severity, vaccine resistance or diagnostic or therapeutic escape have been labeled ‘variants of concern’ or ‘variants of interest’, respectively.

Request for Records concerning above paragraph (2.1 Etiologic Agent) are in sections A, B and C below.

Section **“A”** has request for 5 records.

Section **“B”** has request for 4 records.

Section **“C”** has request for 12 records

**A. With regards to the statement (in above paragraph of 2.1 Etiologic Agent):  
"Coronaviruses are enveloped, single-stranded RNA viruses":**

1. Please provide all records held by OHA that indicate whether or not the allegedly "viral" RNA was obtained from a purified sample of the alleged "virus", and if not, the source of the RNA.
2. Please provide all records held by OHA that indicate the density corresponding to the particles alleged to be "SARS-COV-2" (under ultracentrifugation using a sucrose density gradient).
3. Please provide all records held by OHA of any Electron Microscopy (EM) images of the virus showing the degree of purification.
4. Please provide all records held by OHA of EM images that show ultracentrifuged sedimented virus particles.
5. Please provide all records held by OHA of images that show SARS-CoV-2 purified virus.

**B. With regards to the statement (in above paragraph of 2.1 Etiologic Agent)  
"Genetic sequencing of isolates":**

1. Please provide all records held by OHA that define or make clear the meaning of the word "isolates" (as applied above).
2. Please provide all records held by OHA that explain in detail how the genetic sequencing was done, i.e records for the following:
  - Was this an in-silico sequencing?
  - What was the software used for this sequencing?
  - How many sequences were originally detected in the "isolate"?
  - How many contigs were used in the creation of the "viral genome"?

3. Please provide all records held by OHA of the "isolate".

4. Please provide all records held by OHA on line items (a-f) below:

- a. Manufacturer/supplier of the isolate,
- b. sku number,
- c. cell line origin,
- d. cell line description,
- e. culture medium,
- f. and other sources of genetic material in the "isolate".

C. With regards to the statement (in above paragraph of 2.1 Etiologic Agent):

1. "The virus that causes COVID-19 has been named "SARS-CoV-2"

and also

2. Per ORS433.004--The Oregon Health Authority shall by rule "prescribe measures and methods for **investigating** the **source**" of COVID-19 and ORS433.006-- Local public health administrator shall assure that "**investigations** and control measures"...."**shall be conducted**":

Please provide records held by OHA of any investigative records including investigative records in the possession of OHA from local public health administrators from any of the 36 counties in the State of Oregon of the source of COVID-19, i.e by way of:

**Isolating** (as defined in ORS433.001 Section 7: "Isolation" means the physical separation), **Characterizing** and **Demonstrating** the SARS-CoV-2 virus

**by the following steps:**

1. Please provide all investigative records that show COVID-19 disease samples (blood, sputum, secretions) were taken from many people (e.g. 500) with symptoms which are unique and specific enough to characterize COVID-19.

2. Please provide all investigative records that these samples (taken without mixing these samples with ANY tissue or products that also contain genetic material) were filtered and ultracentrifuged i.e. isolate (purify) the specimen.  
(This is a common virology technique, done for decades to isolate bacteriophages and so-called giant viruses in every virology lab)
3. Please provide all investigative records that demonstrated with electron microscopy thousands of identically sized and shaped SARS-CoV-2 particles.
4. Please provide all investigative records that characterize these SARS-CoV2 particles as the isolated and purified SARS-CoV-2 virus.
5. Please provide all investigative records of identical SARS-CoV2 virus particles.
6. Please provide all investigative records that show documentation that these identical SARS-CoV2 virus particles were checked for uniformity by physical and/or microscopic techniques.
7. Please provide all investigative records that show the examination of the structure, the morphology, and the chemical composition of the SARS-CoV-2 particles.
8. Please provide all investigative records on characterizing the genetic makeup of SARS-CoV-2 particle by extracting the genetic material directly from the isolated (purified) particles and using genetic-sequencing techniques, such as Sanger sequencing and **NOT** by way of an in-silico sequencing.
9. Please provide all investigative records that show an analysis was done to confirm that these uniform SARS-CoV-2 particles are exogenous (outside) in origin as the SARS-CoV-2 virus is conceptualized to be.
10. Please provide all investigative records that show if a group of healthy subjects (human or animal) were exposed to this isolated, purified SARS-CoV-2 virus in the manner in which the COVID-19 disease is thought to be transmitted.
11. Please provide all investigative records that show if the subjects got sick with the same disease by carrying out step 10.
12. Please provide all investigative records that demonstrates infectivity and transmission of this infectious agent known as SAR-CoV-2 by the above steps.

Please also note that my request above is not limited to records that were authored by the OHA or that pertain to work done at/by OHA.

Rather, my request also includes any study or report matching the above description, published by any of the 36 counties of the State of Oregon that has been relied upon by health officials at OHA for the investigation of the source of COVID-19.

For records that match the above description of requested records please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty.

**Format:**

Pdf documents sent to me via email; I do not wish for anything to be shipped to me.

**Contact Information:**

Name: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Phone number: [REDACTED]

Thank you in advance and best wishes,

[REDACTED]

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**Fw: Public Records Requests - Records Related to SARS-CoV2 Outbreak Pursuant to ORS 433.001, 433.004 and 433.006 (2022-0033)**

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Sat, Feb 25, 2023 at 6:59 AM

[REDACTED]  
To: Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Christine,

Here is the reply I got from the Oregon Health Authority to my records requests--records of their due diligence at investigating this "virus" per law (pdf attached).

Reply came back quoting me the section of the law (Section 1 in ORS433.008) that they can't divulge confidential information! ([https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors\\_433.008](https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_433.008))

That section actually applies to information gathered about individuals, 'cause ORS433.008 Section 6 then follows up and says:

Nothing in this section:

(6)

- (a) Prevents the authority or a local public health administrator from publishing statistical compilations and reports relating to reportable disease investigations if the compilations and reports do not identify individual cases or sources of information;

I did not ask for personal information at all, just asked for Health Agency records of the ways they had gone about confirming the "virus" and the "disease".

But this is how these crafty people get away with it.

I am planning to send a follow up--letting them know that nothing in my records request demands personal information about anyone!!!

[REDACTED]  
Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Windham Jeanne <[JEANNE.WINDHAM@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:JEANNE.WINDHAM@dhsosha.state.or.us)>

Date: On Thursday, January 13th, 2022 at 12:54 PM

Subject: Public Records Requests - Records Related to SARS-CoV2 Outbreak Pursuant to ORS 433.001, 433.004 and 433.006 (2022-0033)

To: [REDACTED]

VIA EMAIL ONLY - [REDACTED]

January 13, 2022

[REDACTED]

Re: Public Records Requests - Records Related to SARS-CoV2 Outbreak Pursuant to ORS 433.001, 433.004 and 433.006 (2022-0033)

Dear [REDACTED]

This will confirm our telephone conversation of Friday, January 7, 2022, wherein I advised that Oregon Health Authority received your various public records requests related to the SARS-CoV-2 outbreak. Information related to COVID-19 can be found [here](#). Except for the data Oregon Health Authority publishes, information obtained by Oregon Health Authority or a local public health administrator in the course of a reportable disease or disease outbreak investigation, including records of testing performed by the OSPHL from patient samples, is confidential under state law, and not subject to disclosure under the Oregon Public Records Act. See ORS 433.008(1). There is no exception under ORS 433.008(2) that would permit Oregon Health Authority, in its discretion, to provide you with the information you are seeking. That being said, the lab recommends that citizens explore the [NCBI Pubmed COVID-19 website](#), which has over 187,000 published research articles and over 6,700 clinical trials investigating SARS-CoV-2. The information available on this site is growing with new articles added frequently. I hope this is helpful.

**Jeanne Windham**

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