



Health and Social Services  
PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

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Applicant c/o  
Access and Privacy Officer  
Corporate Information Management, ATIPP Office

**SUBJECT: Final Response Access Request 21-453**

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**Decision**

The Department of Health and Social Services has searched the Assistant Deputy Minister of Community and Primary Care and the Assistant Deputy Minister of Corporate Services and has identified records responsive to Access Request 21-453. The final response on the information is as follows:

**Records Withheld in Full**

The Department of Health and Social Services is withholding access in full to records relating to the request noted below:

**Staff involved in advising and/or recommending facemask restrictions (including chief medical officers) Their formal degrees and/or years of experience in the specialized fields of virology, epidemiology, transmission and/or prevention of transmission of infectious diseases, transmission of viruses and/or prevention of transmission of viruses. Oversight experience in formal training in phase 1, phase 2, phase 3 formal clinical trials of facemask use as to type (benefits and health risks - improper use, reuse of facemasks that haven't been washed, facial hair impact with respect to cloth facemasks and medical facemasks, microbial testing inside and outside of mask layers, reinoculation of viral bioaerosols from inhalation of expelled breath (facemask vs no facemask)**

**Timeframe: December 1, 2019 - November 30, 2021**

Information has been withheld pursuant to the following sections of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*:

- 70(3)(a)(iii) education or employment history of a third party is an unreasonable invasion of the third party's privacy

Pursuant to section 66 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* you may contact Yukon's Information and Privacy Commissioner with a complaint in respect to this response. Section 66 states:

*An applicant may, in respect of the head of a responsive public body's response to their access request under section 64, make a complaint to the commissioner by filing the complaint in accordance with section 90.*

Should you wish to do so, please refer your written complaint within 30 business days to the Information and Privacy Commissioner at:

Yukon Information and Privacy Commissioner  
3162 Third Avenue, Main Floor, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 1G3  
E-mail: [intake@yukonombudsman.ca](mailto:intake@yukonombudsman.ca)  
Phone: (867) 667-8468; (toll free: 1-800-661-0408 ext. 8468)

There is no cost to the applicant.

### **Contact Person in Department**

If the applicant has any questions, please contact Emily MacLeod, Designated Access Officer for the Department of Health and Social Services by phone at 867-667-5919 or by email at [Emily.MacLeod@yukon.ca](mailto:Emily.MacLeod@yukon.ca).



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Deputy Minister, Health and Social Services