



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

**SUBJECT: Final Response Access Request 21-469**

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**Decision**

The Department of Health and Social Services has searched Population and Public Health Evidence and Evaluation and has no records found to Access Request 21-469. The final response on the information is as follows:

**No Records Found**

The Department of Health and Social Services has no records responsive to this request:

**YTG acknowledges that covid vaccines do not prevent infection. YTG acknowledges that covid vaccines do not prevent transmission. YTG acknowledges that the covid vaccine efficacy wanes in a few months. YTG acknowledges that boosters are being used to prop up falling antibodies in the vaccinated without any mid- to long-term data on adverse effects of the vaccines. Those under 19 years of age compromise 0.0043% of covid related deaths while comprising of 20.7% of the covid cases.<sup>1</sup> (Those 50 and older represent 97.4% of covid related deaths)<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup><https://health-infobase.canada.ca/covid-19/epidemiological-summary-covid-19-cases.html> Children are unique relative to COVID-19. They have negligible risks of serious effects from the disease. Given that the COVID-19 vaccines were only tested for a few months, and mid-or long-term adverse effects are unknown, any mid- or long-term adverse events that emerge could impact children adversely for decades. What is the prior scientific basis for the decision by YTG, Department of Health and Social Services, Chief Medical Officers to recommend and implement a mass vaccination program of those with negligible risk (under 19 age group) with an experimental**

**therapy that has not been in use long enough to accumulate any data to determine mid- or long-term risks of the covid vaccines when adverse effects may not be known for decades?**

**Timeframe: January 1, 2021 - November 30, 2021**

Many factors are considered when developing and implementing evidence based public health measures. The Department is reliant on national advisory groups focused on COVID 19. These groups were struck to ensure the best available information about prevention and treatment of COVID 19 was widely available and used. Some of the sources relied on include:

- The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI). Here is a link to their website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci.html>
- The Federal/Provincial/Territorial Special Advisory Committee on COVID-19;
- The Public Health Agency of Canada. Research Evidence is cited in the available (for example: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/vaccines.html>)
- The World Health Organization.

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 charge 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 at 867-667-5919 or at [Emily.MacLeod@yukon.ca](mailto:Emily.MacLeod@yukon.ca).



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