



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 21-456**

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### **Decision**

The Department of Health and Social Services has searched Population and Public Health Evidence and Evaluation and has identified records responsive to Access Request 21-456. The final response on the information is as follows:

#### **Access Granted in Full**

The Department of Health and Social Services has granted in full access to the information relating to the request noted below:

**Heart inflammation is a known risk from mRNA vaccines European Medicines Agency (BBC report) <https://www.bbc.com/news/health-57781637>" The link with heart inflammation was found only in the vaccines that rely on mRNA technology to train the immune system. There was no link found for vaccines such as Oxford-AstraZeneca or Janssen, which use a genetically modified virus. However, the EMA has advised anyone with a history of capillary leak syndrome should not be given the Janssen vaccine. This is a rare but serious syndrome in which fluid leaks from blood vessels in the body." What data does YTG/Department of Health have that demonstrates merely switching between mRNA vaccines for those under 18 years of age, will not have the same or increased risk of heart inflammation (also stroke, blood clots, partial paralysis) as the other mRNA vaccine? What steps is YTG/Department of Health implementing to eliminate these known risks - especially for children that are the lowest risk for serious effects from covid?**

**Timeframe: January 1, 2021 - December 1, 2021**

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

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