



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

January 20, 2022

Secure File Transfer

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

SUBJECT: Final Response Access Request 21-446

Decision

The Department of Health and Social Services has searched Population and Public Health Evidence and Evaluation has identified records responsive to Access Request 21-446. The final response on the information is as follows:

Access Granted in Full

The Department of Health and Social Services has granted access in full to the information related to part A of the request. The Department has no responsive records for the remainder of the request noted below.

Per Covid related hospitalization and death (Yukon cases only):

- A) Caused "by Covid" (otherwise healthy individuals with no known or examination determined underlying comorbidities)**
- B) Was the coronavirus isolated and identified to confirm "caused by" Covid (not PCR testing or suspected covid)**
- C) Cases "with Covid" (with known or examination determined comorbidities)**
- D) Was the coronavirus isolated and identified to confirm "with Covid" (not PCR testing or suspected covid)**
- E) Averaged known or examination determined comorbidities per covid related death.**

Timeframe: November 30, 2019 - December 1, 2021

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Department does not understand what you mean by isolating COVID not by PCR testing. Can you please explain what you are looking for?

Response: Isolating and identifying the actual virus (microscopic analysis) vs PCR (polymerase chain reaction) of amplified genetic material. The reason: Due to false positives and false negatives known to be associated with PCR testing of SARS-CoV-2. <https://www.acc.org/latest-incardiology/journal-scans/2020/05/18/13/42/variation-in-false-negative-rate-of-reverse>; <https://asm.org/Press-Releases/2021/November/Avoiding-False-Positive-for-SARS-CoV-2-When-Using> False negative rate varies widely over several days post infection. A large number of food items can induce false positives - and has been done deliberately by some individuals who were tested. A microscopic analysis isolates and visually identifies the actual virus as being present.

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
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 Lonnie Ariss, Designated Access Officer for Department of Health and Social Services at 867-667-9496 or Lonnie.Ariss@yukon.ca.



Stephen Samis
Deputy Minister, Health and Social Services

Enclosure (1)