Exhibit #2
May 17, 2021

Via email to fevancouver@outlook.com

Mak Parhar

Dear Mak Parhar:

Re: Response Letter
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Our File No: PHSA F21-0998

I write in response to your April 26, 2021 request for records made under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSBC 1996, (the “Act”).

Request

You requested the following records (the “Request”):

All records describing the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus, directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka vero cells; liver cancer cells).

Please note that I am using "isolation" in the every-day sense of the word: the act of separating a thing(s) from everything else. I am not requesting records where "isolation of SARS-COV-2” refers instead to:

- the culturing of something, or
- the performance of an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), or
- the sequencing of something.

To clarify, I am requesting all such records that are in the possession, custody or control of British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (for example: downloaded to a computer, printed in hard copy, etc.). If the BCCDC has a access to any other agencies record, please forward them as well.

Response

The BC Centre for Disease Control confirms that there are no records that describe the isolation of the SARS-CoV-2 virus directly taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material, because in order to cultivate a virus it has to replicate in a cell, as a DNA or RNA virus can never be cultivated on its own.

A copy of the Act is available online at: http://www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/ID/freeside/96165_00
The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia (the “OIPC”) is the regulator of access and privacy laws in the province. If you have a concern with any decision in the processing of the Request you have the right to request a review of PHSA’s decision from the OIPC. For ease of reference, information about the OIPC is included in Appendix A of this letter.

Additionally, should you have any questions about this letter, please contact the author at glimongelli@phsa.ca or 604-829-2514.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Genevieve Limongelli
Freedom of Information Advisor
Information Access & Privacy Services
Provincial Health Services Authority
Appendix A: How to Request a Review

Under section 52 of the Act, you may request a review by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) of any decision, action or failure to act by PHSA in responding to your request.

If you wish to request a review, you must contact the OIPC in writing within 30 business days of your receipt of this letter and provide the OIPC with:

1. Your name, address and telephone number;
2. A copy of the original request that you sent;
3. A copy of this letter; and
4. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.

All inquiries should be directed to:

By Mail:
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia
PO Box 9038, Stn. Prov. Govt.
Victoria, BC
V8W 9A4

By Email: info@oipc.bc.ca

By Tel: (250) 387-5629
By Fax: (250) 387-1696

Callers outside Victoria can contact the office toll-free by calling Enquiry BC at 1-800-663-7867 and requesting a transfer to (250) 387-5629.
December 31, 2020

To: BC Ministry of Health
Freedom of Information Office

Dear Access to Information Clerk,

This is a formal request made under

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT

[RSBC 1996] CHAPTER 165

Description of Requested Records:

All records in the possession, custody or control of the BC Ministry of Health that:

- describe the isolation of the [alleged] genetic variant of the [alleged] virus that [allegedly] causes [the alleged disease referred to as] COVID-19 [allegedly] identified in the United Kingdom, directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka vero cells; fetal bovine serum).

Please note that I am using "isolation" in the every-day sense of the word: the act of separating a thing(s) from everything else. I am not requesting records where "isolation" refers instead to:

- the culturing of something, or
- the performance of an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), or
· the sequencing of something.

- describe the discovery (not manufacture / fabrication / creation / assembly / alignment / trimming / mapping) of the alleged genome for this alleged particular new variant of coronavirus;

- describe how this alleged new variant of coronavirus relates to the alleged "SARS-COV-2";

- include any additional analysis/investigation into this alleged "new variant".

Please note that my request is not limited to records that were authored by agents of BC Ministry of Health, or to records that pertain to work done by agents of the BC Ministry of Health; it includes any sort of record, authored by anyone, anywhere, ever.

If any records match the above descriptions of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each record with certainty (i.e. author; title; date; publisher); please provide URLs where possible.

**Format:**

URLs and/or pdf documents sent to me via email; I do not wish for anything to be shipped to me.

Contact Information:

Last Name: [REDACTED]
First Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

Thank you in advance and best wishes.

Happy New Year
May 21, 2021

Sent via email: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

Re: Request for Access to Records

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Health. Your request is for:

All records in the possession, custody or control of the BC Ministry of Health that: Describe the isolation of the [alleged] genetic variant of the [alleged] virus that [allegedly] causes [the alleged disease referred to as] COVID-19 [allegedly] identified in the United Kingdom, directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells; vero cells; fetal bovine serum); Describe the discovery (not manufacture / fabrication / creation / assembly / alignment / trimming / mapping) of the alleged genome for this alleged particular new variant of coronavirus, Describe how this alleged new variant of coronavirus relates to the alleged 'SARS-COV-2'; Include any additional analysis/investigation into this alleged 'new variant'.

Although a thorough search was conducted, no records were located in response to your request. The Ministry advises that detection of variants, as well as testing and approval of vaccines and test kits, is not something that the Ministry has any role in.

Your file is now closed.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Kelly Morris, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 356-2030. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604 606-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1 800 693-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250 356-2030.
You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Kelly Morita, FOI Specialist
On behalf of Justine Nisbet, Manager
Justice / Health Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosure
How to Request a Review with the
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst’s name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Sm Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250 387-5629 Fax 250 387 1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner’s Office with:
1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.
February 4, 2021

Via email to: [redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Re: Response & Time Extension Letter
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Our File No: PHSA F20-08441; F21-0993

I write in response to your December 21, 2020 request for records made under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSBC 1996, (the “Act”).

Request

You requested the following records (the ‘Request’):

1) All records in the possession, custody or control of “Provincial Health Services Authority” describing the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus, directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was NOT first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum). Please note that I am using “isolation” in the everyday sense of the word: the act of separating a thing(s) from everything else. I am NOT requesting records where “isolation of SARS-COV-2” refers instead to:

- the culturing of something, and/or
- the performance of an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), and/or
- the sequencing of something

Please note also that my request is not limited to records that were authored by anyone at “Provincial Health Services Authority” or that pertain to work done by “Provincial Health Services Authority.” My request includes any sort of record, for example (but not limited to) any published peer-reviewed study authored by anyone, anywhere, ever that the “Provincial Health Services Authority” has downloaded or printed. If any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each record with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it.

2) All records in the possession, custody or control of “Provincial Health Services Authority” describing the cycle thresholds used in PCR testing protocols (for determining negative vs. indeterminate vs. positive) throughout British Columbia for “COVID-19”

3) All records in the possession, custody or control of “Provincial Health Services Authority” that describe or list or explain the gold standard(s) used in assessments of “COVID-19” PCR tests used in British Columbia.
4) All records in the possession, custody or control of "Provincial Health Services Authority" that describe or list or explain the gold standard(s) used in assessments of "COVID-19" antibody tests used in British Columbia.

5) All records in the possession and custody of “Provincial Health Services Authority” detailing the PCR testing and subsequent cycle threshold used to conduct PCR testing throughout British Columbia.

Phase One Response

Concerning part 1 of the Request:

After consulting with individuals at BC Centre for Disease Control no records were found in response to this part of your request.

Phase Two & Notice of Time Extension

The remainder of the Request, parts 2 through 5, will follow under separate cover under this file #: F21-0903.

Phase Two requires searching through a large number of records and doing so within the current time limits of your Request would unreasonably interfere with the operations of PHSA. Section 10(1)(b) of the Act allows for a public body to extend the time limit for its response by an additional 30 business days in a circumstance like this.

The revised response date for your request is March 19, 2021.

Section 10(1)(b) of the Act states:

Extending the time limit for responding

10 (1) The head of a public body may extend the time for responding to a request for up to 30 days if one or more of the following apply:

[...]

(b) a large number of records are requested or must be searched and meeting the time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the public body;

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http://www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/ID/freeside/96165_00

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Additionally, should you have any questions about this letter, please contact the author at Megan.Williams@phsa.ca or (604) 317-0955.

Sincerely,

Megan Williams  
**Freedom of Information Advisor**  
Information Access & Privacy Services  
Provincial Health Services Authority
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December 31, 2020

To: Provincial Health Services Authority - Email: privacyandfoi@phsa.ca
Provincial Health Services,
200 - 1333 West Broadway,
Vancouver, BC
V6H 4C1

Attn: Senior Director, Information Access & Privacy Services

This is a formal request made under

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT**

[RSBC 1996] CHAPTER 165

**Description of Requested Records:**

All records in the possession, custody or control of Provincial Health Services Authority that:

- describe the isolation of the [alleged] *genetic variant of the* [alleged] *virus that* [allegedly] *causes* [the alleged disease referred to as] *COVID-19* [allegedly] *identified in the United Kingdom*, directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was *not* first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka vero cells; fetal bovine serum).

Please note that I am using "isolation" in the every-day sense of the word: the *act of separating a thing(s) from everything else*. I am *not* requesting records where "isolation" refers instead to:

- the culturing of something, or
- the performance of an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), or
- the sequencing of something.
• describe the discovery (not manufacture / fabrication / creation / assembly / alignment / trimming / mapping) of the alleged genome for this alleged particular new variant of coronavirus;

• describe how this alleged new variant of coronavirus relates to the alleged "SARS-COV-2";

• include any additional analysis/investigation into this alleged "new variant".

Please note that my request is not limited to records that were authored by agents of Provincial Health Services Authority, or to records that pertain to work done by agents of the Provincial Health Services Authority; it includes any sort of record, authored by anyone, anywhere, ever.

If any records match the above descriptions of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each record with certainty (i.e. author; title; date; publisher); please provide URLs where possible.

Format:

URLs and/or pdf documents sent to me via email; I do not wish for anything to be shipped to me.

Contact Information:

Last Name: 
First Name: 
Address: 
Email: 

Thank you in advance and best wishes.

Happy New Year
February 11, 2021

Via email to

Dear

Re: Response Letter
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Our File No: PHSA F20-0855

I write in response to your December 31, 2020 request for records made under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSBC 1996, (the “Act”).

Request

You requested the following records (the “Request”):

All records in the possession, custody or control of Provincial Health Services Authority that:

* describe the isolation of the [alleged] genetic variant of the [alleged] virus that [allegedly] causes [the alleged disease referred to as] COVID-19 [allegedly] identified in the United Kingdom directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka vero cells; fetal bovine serum).

Please note that I am using “isolation” in the every-day sense of the word: the act of separating a thing(s) from everything else. I am not requesting records where "isolation" refers instead to:

* the culturing of something, or
* the performance of an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), or
* the sequencing of something

* describe the discovery (not manufacture / fabrication / creation / assembly / alignment / trimming / mapping) of the alleged genome for this alleged particular new variant of coronavirus;

* describe how this alleged new variant of coronavirus relates to the alleged "SARS-COV-2";

* include any additional analysis/investigation into this alleged "new variant“.

Phase One Response

BC Centre of Disease Control confirms that there are no records that describe the isolation of the SARS-CoV-2 variant identified in the United Kingdom, directly taken from a symptomatic patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other
source of genetic material, because in order to cultivate a virus it has to replicate in a cell, as a DNA or RNA virus can never be cultivated on its own.

A copy of the Act is available online at:
http://www.bcliaws.ca/Recon/document/ID/freeside/98165_00

Phase Two

The remainder of the Request will follow in the next phase of this request under our file # F21-0912.

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia

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Additionally, should you have any questions about this letter, please contact the author at gilmongelli@phsa.ca or 604-829-2514.

Sincerely,

Genevieve Limongelli
Freedom of Information Advisor
Information Access & Privacy Services
Provincial Health Services Authority
December 15, 2020

By Email

On December 8, 2020, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research received your request for information made under the Access to Information Act for the following:

“All records describing the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus, directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka vero cells; liver cancer cells). Please note that I am using “isolation” in the every-day sense of the word: the act of separating a thing(s) from everything else. I am not requesting records where “isolation of SARS-COV-2” refers instead to: · the culturing of something, or · the performance of an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), or · the sequencing of something. To clarify, I am requesting all such records that are in the possession, custody or control of your institution Canada (for example: downloaded to a computer, printed in hard copy, etc.). The known or estimated error rate (both false positives and false negatives), of PCR testing to test for SARS-COV-2. This can include reference to any studies The known or estimated error rate (both false positives and false negatives), of antibody testing to check for immunity to SARS-COV-2. This can include references to any studies Whether vaccine manufacturers have been indemnified (rendered legally immune from lawsuit), for any vaccines they provide related to SARS-COV-2 Whether any vaccine injury compensation plan will be established (or has been established), for people who are injured or killed by vaccines to treat SARS-COV-2”

I regret to inform you that The Canadian Institutes of Health Research does not have any records under our control relating to your request. COVID-19 academic publications resulting from CIHR-funded research can be found on our website at https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/51948.html and Information on the publication of research findings can be found in the Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications here.

Please be advised that you are entitled to complain to the Information Commissioner concerning the processing of your request within 60 days after the day that you become aware that grounds for a complaint exist. In the event you decide to avail yourself of this right, your notice of complaint should be addressed to:
The Information Commissioner of Canada  
30 Victoria Street, 7th Floor  
Gatineau, Quebec K1A 1H3  

You may obtain additional information on the complaint process by visiting the website of the Office of the Information Commissioner at www.oic-ci.gc.ca/en/submitting-complaint.

This completes our processing of your request. If you have any questions concerning your request, please contact me, by email at ATIPCoordinator@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Sharon Robertson  
ATIP Coordinator
I write to request access to information from:

le ministre de la Santé et des Services sociaux du Québec, and/or

Institut national de santé publique du Québec (INSPQ), and/or

Laboratoire de santé publique du Québec

As found on the Québec government website https://www.inspq.qc.ca/institut/nous-joindre;

Le rôle de l’Institut national de santé publique du Québec est de soutenir le ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (MSSS), les directions régionales de santé publique, ainsi que les établissements de santé dans l’exercice de leurs responsabilités, en émettant des avis et des recommandations basés sur les connaissances scientifiques disponibles.

Therefore, under section 9 of the Act respecting access to documents held by public bodies and the protection of personal information, I hereby request a copy of the following document(s):
All records describing the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus, directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka vero cells; liver cancer cells).

Please note that I am using "isolation" in the every-day sense of the word: the act of separating a thing(s) from everything else. I am not requesting records where "isolation of SARS-COV-2" refers instead to:

- the culturing of something, or
- the performance of an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), or
- the sequencing of something.

To clarify, I am requesting all such records that are in the possession, custody or control of SANTÉ ET SERVICES SOCIAUX and or INSTITUT NATIONAL DE SANTÉ PUBLIQUE DU QUÉBEC (for example: downloaded to a computer, printed in hard copy, etc.).

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and kindly confirm receipt of this request via return email.

Sincerely,
PAR COURRIEL

Québec, le 26 novembre 2020

OBJET : Réponse – Demande d’accès aux documents
N/Réf. (dossier) : 6410/2020-58

En réponse à votre demande d’accès aux documents datée du 23 novembre 2020 relative à “All records describing the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus, directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka vero cells; liver cancer cells)”, nous vous informons que l’Institut national de santé publique du Québec ne détient aucun document.

Par ailleurs, vous trouverez ci-annexée une note explicative concernant l’exercice du droit de recours en révision devant la Commission d’accès à l’information.

Veuillez agréer, l’expression de nos sentiments les meilleurs.

La responsable de l’accès aux documents,

Julie Dostaler
Secrétaire générale

p. J. Avis de recours
N/Réf. (correspondance) : 2020-7626
AVIS DE RECURS EN RÉVISION

RÉVISION

a) Pouvoir

L’article 135 de la Loi prévoit qu’une personne peut, lorsque sa demande écrite a été refusée en tout ou en partie par le responsable de l’accès aux documents ou de la protection des renseignements personnels ou dans le cas où le délai prévu pour répondre est expiré, demander à la Commission d’accès à l’information de réviser cette décision.

La demande de révision doit être faite par écrit; elle peut exposer brièvement les raisons pour lesquelles la décision devrait être révisée (art. 137).

L’adresse de la Commission d’accès à l’information est la suivante :

**QUÉBEC**

Bureau 2.36  
525, boul. René-Lévesque Est  
Québec (Québec) G1R 5S9

Tél : (418) 528-7741  
Téléc : (418) 529-3102

**MONTRÉAL**

Bureau 18.200  
500, boul. René-Lévesque Ouest  
Montréal (Québec) H2Z 1W7

Tél : (514) 873-4196  
Téléc : (514) 844-6170

b) Motifs

Les motifs relatifs à la révision peuvent porter sur la décision, sur le délai de traitement de la demande, sur le mode d’accès à un document ou à un renseignement, sur les frais exigibles ou sur l’application de l’article 9 (notes personnelles inscrites sur un document, esquisses, ébauches, brouillons, notes préparatoires ou autres documents de même nature qui ne sont pas considérés comme des documents d’un organisme public).

c) Délais

Les demandes de révision doivent être adressées à la Commission d’accès à l’information dans les 30 jours suivant la date de la décision ou de l’expiration du délai accordé au responsable pour répondre à une demande (art. 135).

La loi prévoit spécifiquement que la Commission d’accès à l’information peut, pour motif raisonnable, relever le requérant du défaut de respecter le délai de 30 jours (art. 135).
APPEL DEVANT LA COUR DU QUÉBEC

a) Pouvoir

L’article 147 de la loi stipule qu’une personne directement intéressée peut porter la décision finale de la Commission d’accès à l’information en appel devant un juge de la Cour du Québec sur toute question de droit ou de compétence.

L’appel d’une décision interlocutoire ne peut être interjeté qu’avec la permission d’un juge de la Cour du Québec s’il s’agit d’une décision interlocutoire à laquelle la décision finale ne pourra remédier.

b) Délais

L’article 149 prévoit que l’avis d’appel d’une décision finale doit être déposé au greffe de la Cour du Québec, dans les 30 jours qui suivent la date de réception de la décision de la Commission par les parties.

c) Procédure

Selon l’article 151 de la loi, l’avis d’appel doit être signifié aux parties et à la Commission dans les dix jours de son dépôt au greffe de la Cour du Québec.

14 juin 2006
Mise à jour le 16 septembre 2016
October 23, 2020

Sent by email

Subject: Access to documents request – Response

Dear [redacted]

This letter is in response to your request submitted October 5, 2020 under the Act respecting Access to Documents Held by Public Bodies and the Protection of Personal Information (the Act), for the following:

All records in the possession, custody or control of the McGill Secretariat or any other department of McGill University (for example, downloaded to a computer, printed in hard copy etc. describing the isolation of SARS-COV-2 virus, directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was NOT first combined with any other source of genetic material (ie monkey kidney cells, aka vero cells, liver cancer cells etc.)

Please note that I am using the term "isolation" in the everyday sense of the word; the act of separating a thing from everything else. I am NOT requesting records where "isolation of SARS-COV-2" refers instead only to:

- the culturing of something and/or
- the performance of an amplification test (RT-PCR test) and/or
- the sequencing of something

If any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that the public may identify and access each record with certainty (ie: title, author, date, journal, where the public may access it).

Please be advised that McGill University does not hold any documents responsive to your request.

Please be advised that pursuant to article 135 of the Act (appended below) you may ask the Commission d’accès à l’information to review this decision within a period of 30 days from the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Edyta Rogowska
Secretary-General
An Act respecting Access to Documents Held by Public Bodies and the Protection of Personal Information, CQLR c A-2.1

135. Every person whose request has been denied, in whole or in part, by the person in charge of access to documents or of protection of personal information may apply to the Commission for a review of the decision.

Every person who has made a request under this Act may apply to the Commission for a review of any decision of the person in charge concerning the time prescribed for processing the request, the mode of access to a document or information, the application of section 9 or the fee payable.

The application must be made within thirty days of the date of the decision or of the time granted by this Act to the person in charge for processing a request. However, the Commission may, for any serious cause, release the applicant from a failure to observe the time limit.

1982, c. 30, s. 135.
April 27, 2021

Dear [Redacted],

Subject: Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act

I am writing in response to your request of January 4, 2021 under the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act:

A complete list of records, including peer reviewed papers, held by the NB Health Department which describe the isolation of the SARS-COV-2 virus (Coronavirus COVID-19) taken directly from a symptomatic person with COVID-19, without the sample being contaminated or mixed with other genetic or source material.

I am not requesting documents pertaining to where “isolation” means the preparation of a culture of something else, or an amplification test (ex. A PCR test detecting only mRNA or DNA) or other sequencing, other than the indicated viral isolate.

The Department of Health does not have records related to your request.

If you are not satisfied with the response that has been provided, you may file a complaint with the Office of the Ombud as per subparagraph 67(1)(a) within 40 business days of receiving this response or refer the matter to a judge of the Court of Queen’s Bench as per paragraph 65(1)(a) within 40 business days of receiving this response.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Chelsea Jennings, Policy Advisor, at (506) 444-3510 or Chelsea.Jennings@gnb.ca.

Sincerely,

K. Dorothy Shephard
Minister
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| Please note that I am using "isolation" in the every-day sense of the word: the act of separating a thing(s) from everything else.
| I am NOT requesting records where "isolation" of SARS-COV-2 refers instead to:
| - the culturing of something
| - the performance of an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), or
| - the sequencing of something
| My request includes any sort of records, for example (but not limited to) any published peer reviewed study that Public health NL considered, downloaded or printed about the isolation of Sars-Cov2. |
| Requested Filetype:         |
| pdf by email                |
Dear Applicant:

Re:  Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 [Our File #: HCS/015/2021]

On February 3, 2021, the Department of Health and Community Services (the Department) received your request for access to the following records:

“All records and communications in the possession, custody or control of the Public Health NL, Health department, Health and Community Services, describing the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus, directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells, aka VERO cells, liver cancer cells). Please note that I am using "isolation" in the every-day sense of the word: the act of separating a thing(s) from everything else. I am NOT requesting records where "isolation" of SARS-COV-2 refers instead to: -the culturing of something -the performance of an amplification test (i.e a PCR test), or - the sequencing of something My request includes any sort of records, for example (but not limited to) any published peer reviewed study that Public health NL considered, downloaded or printed about the isolation of Sars-Cov2.”

Please be advised that the Department does not have records responsive to your request.

The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 (the “Act”) requires us to provide an advisory response within 10 days of receiving the request. As this request has been completed prior to day 10, this letter also serves as our Advisory Response.

Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the Act. A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner.

The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John’s, NL. A1B 3V8
Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500
You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Completed Access to Information Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online. If you have any further questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Frank Walsh

Departmental Liaison
/Enclosures
December 10, 2020

Dear [Name]

This is in response to your access to information request received by our office on December 8, 2020, made pursuant to the Access to Information Act (the Act) which reads as follows:

"All records describing the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus, directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e.: monkey kidney cells aka vero cells; liver cancer cells). Please note that I am using "isolation" in the every-day sense of the word: the act of separating a thing(s) from everything else. I am not requesting records where "isolation of SARS-COV-2" refers instead to: - the culturing of something, or - the performance of an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), or - the sequencing of something. To clarify, I am requesting all such records that are in the possession, custody or control of your institution Canada (for example: downloaded to a computer, printed in hard copy, etc.). The known or estimated error rate (both false positives and false negatives), of PCR testing to test for SARS-COV-2. This can include references to any studies. Whether vaccine manufacturers have been indemnified (rendered legally immune from lawsuit), for any vaccines they provide related to SARS-COV-2. Whether any vaccine injury compensation plan will be established (or has been established), for people who are injured or killed by vaccines to treat SARS-COV-2."

Please be advised that the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) does not have any records that respond to your request.

Please note that you are entitled to file a complaint with the Information Commissioner of Canada within sixty days of receipt of this response. Notice of complaint should be addressed to:

Information Commissioner of Canada
30 Victoria Street, Gatineau, QC K1A 1H3
Telephone: (613) 995-2410 (National Capital Region) 1-800-267-0441 (Toll-free)
Should you require additional information concerning your request, do not hesitate to contact me at Julie.Bourbonnais@nserc-crng.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Julie Bourbonnais
Manager, ATIP & Governance | Gestionnaire, AIPRP et gouvernance
Secretariat | Secrétariat
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada | Conseil de recherches en sciences naturelles et en génie du Canada
December 31, 2020

To: Vancouver Coastal Health Authority  -  Email: foi@vch.ca
VCH Freedom of Information Office
11th Floor, 601 West Broadway,
Vancouver, BC
V5Z 4C2

Dear Access to Information Clerk,

This is a formal request made under

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT

[RSBC 1996] CHAPTER 165

Description of Requested Records:

All records in the possession, custody or control of  Vancouver Coastal Health Authority  that:

1. describe the isolation of the [alleged] genetic variant of the [alleged] virus that [allegedly] causes [the alleged disease referred to as] COVID-19 [allegedly] identified in the United Kingdom, directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka vero cells; fetal bovine serum).

   Please note that I am using "isolation" in the every-day sense of the word: the act of separating a thing(s) from everything else. I am not requesting records where "isolation" refers instead to:
   
   • the culturing of something, or
   • the performance of an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), or
   • the sequencing of something.

1. describe the discovery (not manufacture / fabrication / creation / assembly / alignment / trimming / mapping) of the alleged genome for this alleged particular new variant of coronavirus;
2. describe how this alleged new variant of coronavirus relates to the alleged "SARS-COV-2";

3. include any additional analysis/investigation into this alleged "new variant".

Please note that my request is not limited to records that were authored by agents of Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, or to records that pertain to work done by agents of the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority; it includes any sort of record, authored by anyone, anywhere, ever.

If any records match the above descriptions of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each record with certainty (i.e. author; title; date; publisher); please provide URLs where possible.

Format:

URLs and/or pdf documents sent to me via email; I do not wish for anything to be shipped to me.

Contact Information:
Last Name: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
First Name: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Email: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Happy New Year
March 4, 2021

Dear [Redacted]

Re: BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the “Act”)
Freedom of Information Request: VCH File No. 2020-F-183

We are writing in response to your request dated December 31, 2020.

We have not been able to find any records that are responsive to your request.

You may request a review of VCH’s response within 30 working days of receiving this email by writing to the following address:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia
PO Box 9038, Stn. Prov. Govt.
Victoria, BC V8W 3A4
Telephone: (250) 387-5629
Fax: (250) 387-1696

If you choose to request a review by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, you should include with your request:
1. a copy of your original request for records; and
2. a copy of this response.

For your reference, a copy of PIIPA can be found online:
www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/id/freeside/96165_00

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Messica Donnett
Coordinator, Freedom of Information
Vancouver Coastal Health Authority