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Our File – Notre référence
A-2020-00064 / RK
Your File – Votre référence

October 8, 2020

Ms. Christine Massey
221 - 93 George St. S.
Brampton, ON L6Y 1P4

Dear Ms. Massey:

I am replying to your access request made under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act)*, for the following information:

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 (i.e. the culturing of supernatant in vero cells), or
- the performance of an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test on a patient sample adulterated with an enzyme to release genetic material from cells), 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 (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it).]

Format:

Pdf documents sent to me via email; I do not want anything shipped to me.

This is to inform you that no responsive records were located. A reasonable search of the ministry was conducted, and no responsive records were found. Dr. David C. Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, is responsible for this decision.

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The cost for the search in accordance to Regulation 460 are minimal and have been waived under section 57(4) of *the Act*.

You may wish to contact Public Health Ontario and Sunnybrook Hospital as they may have records responsive to your request. They may be reached at:

Public Health Ontario
661 University Avenue, Suite 1701
Toronto, ON M5G 1M1
privacy@oahpp.ca

Sunnybrook Hospital
Chief Privacy Officer
Sunnybrook Privacy Office
2075 Bayview Avenue, Room G326
Toronto, Ontario M4N 3M5
privacy@sunnybrook.ca

You may request a review of this decision by the Information and Privacy Commissioner 2 Bloor Street East, Suite 1400, Toronto ON M4W 1A8. Please note that you have 30 days from the date of this letter to request a review. In the event that you do seek a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. The request file number: A-2020-00064 / RK
2. A copy of this decision letter.
3. A copy of your original request.
4. A cheque or money order in the amount of \$25.00 payable to the Minister of Finance.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 647-201-3015.

Sincerely,

Rachel Kukulewich
Consultant, Access and Privacy