

July 20, 2022



Dear 

**Re: You are entitled to the information you requested - 2022-00956-HEA**

The Department of Health and Wellness received your application for access to information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the Act) on June 20, 2022.

In your application, you requested a copy of the following records:

*The demographic and place of residence data for Nova Scotians who died from COVID-19 since January 1, 2022. Date of death. Vaccination status.*

Responsive records have been located and are attached.

You have the right to ask for a review of this decision by the Information Access and Privacy Commissioner (formerly the Review Officer). You have 60 days from the date of this letter to exercise this right. If you wish to ask for a review, you may do so on Form 7, a copy of which is attached. Send the completed form to the Information Access and Privacy Commissioner, P.O. Box 181, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2M4.

Please be advised that a de-identified copy of this disclosure letter and the attached response to your FOIPOP application will be made public after 14 days. The package will be posted online at <https://openinformation.novascotia.ca/>. The letter will not include your name, address, or any other personal information that you have supplied while making your application under FOIPOP.

Please contact Melinda Frelick at 902-424-6920 or by e-mail at [melinda.frelick@novascotia.ca](mailto:melinda.frelick@novascotia.ca), if you need further assistance regarding this application.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Trott  
Associate Deputy Minister

## FOIPOP Request 2022-00956-HEA

### Data Notes:

- Data source is Panorama and include data from January 01, 2022 - June 20, 2022 for COVID related deaths.
- Cases captured in this dataset are those that meet the Public Health Agency of Canada case definition ([National case definition: Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) - Canada.ca](#))
- These counts represent the total number of events that occur in a defined period, vaccine group, sex, age group, and Nova Scotia geographic health regions ([statcan.gc.ca](#)).
- These counts cannot be used to imply a causal relationship between COVID-19 related deaths and time indicators, vaccine status, age, sex, and geographic health region. Additionally, these counts cannot be used to make comparison between groups as it does not take into consideration the population at risk in each group at the specific period.
- Cell sizes <5 have been suppressed
- Date of deaths are aggregated to protect personal health information

### Confirmed case

A person with confirmation of infection with SARS-CoV-2 documented by:

- *The detection of at least 1 specific gene target by a validated laboratory-based nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) assay (e.g. real-time PCR or nucleic acid sequencing) performed at a community, hospital, or reference laboratory (the National Microbiology Laboratory or a provincial public health laboratory)*  
**or**
  - *The detection of at least 1 specific gene target by a validated point-of-care (POC) NAAT that has been deemed acceptable to provide a final result (i.e. does not require confirmatory testing)*  
**or**
  - *Seroconversion or diagnostic rise (at least 4-fold or greater from baseline) in viral specific antibody titre in serum or plasma using a validated laboratory-based serological assay for SARS-CoV-2*
- Deaths captured in this dataset are those that meet the Public Health Agency of Canada case definition ([National case definition: Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) - Canada.ca](#))

### Deceased case

- A probable or confirmed COVID-19 case whose death resulted from a clinically compatible illness, unless there is a clear alternative cause of death identified (e.g., trauma, poisoning, drug overdose).

- A Medical Officer of Health, relevant public health authority, or coroner may use their discretion when determining if a death was due to COVID-19, and their judgement will supersede the above-mentioned criteria.
- A death due to COVID-19 may be attributed when COVID-19 is the cause of death or is a contributing factor.

**Request:**

1) The demographic (age, sex and anything else you have) and place of residence data for Nova Scotians who died from COVID-19 since January 1, 2022. Date of death. Vaccination status.

**Table 1. COVID-19 related deaths by month (January 01, 2022 - June 20, 2022)**

Month	Death counts
January 01- 31	67
February 01 - 28	61
March 01- 31	44
April 01- 30	85
May 01- 31	65
June 01 - 20	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>335</b>

**Table 2. COVID-19 related deaths by vaccine dose (January 01, 2022 - June 20, 2022)**

Vaccine Dose	Death counts
0	58
1	9
2	96
≥ 3	172
<b>Total</b>	<b>335</b>

Note: Counts can not be used to draw conclusions regarding vaccine efficacy as other factors (e.g., age, population at risk) contribute to covid related outcomes.

**Table 3. COVID-19 related deaths by sex (January 01, 2022 - June 20, 2022)**

Sex	Death counts
Male	189
Female	146
<b>Total</b>	<b>335</b>

**Table 4. COVID-19 related deaths by age group (January 01, 2022 - June 20, 2022)**

<b>Age groups</b>	<b>Death counts</b>
<b>0-9</b>	0
<b>10-19</b>	<5
<b>20-29</b>	0
<b>30-39</b>	<5
<b>40-49</b>	7
<b>50-59</b>	13
<b>60-69</b>	33
<b>70-79</b>	86
<b>80-89</b>	125
<b>&gt;90</b>	69

**Table 5. COVID-19 related deaths by Nova Scotia geographic health regions (January 01, 2022 - June 20, 2022)**

<b>Health regions</b>	<b>Death counts</b>
<b>Zone 1 - Western</b>	93
<b>Zone 2 - Northern</b>	53
<b>Zone 3 - Eastern</b>	73
<b>Zone 4 - Central</b>	116
<b>Total</b>	<b>335</b>