

January 20, 2022

Dear [REDACTED]:

Re: We do not have the information you asked for – 2021-02375-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 September 20, 2021.

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

Please provide all records that support that singing in a choir at a faith gathering spreads COVID-19.

And please provide all records on how many COVID-19 cases have been as a result of singing in a choir at a faith gathering. (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/31/2019 To 12/30/2021)

After a file search, we have located no records responsive to your application. Therefore, it is my understanding, pursuant to clause 7(2)(b) of the Act, that Health and Wellness does not have custody or control of records which would respond to your application.

Decisions related to public health restrictions are based on publicly available national and international guidance as well as published literature.

I am unaware of a department or agency which would hold such records.

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 Tim Gregory at 902-424-3773 or by e-mail at timothy.gregory@novascotia.ca, if you need further assistance regarding this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Craig Beaton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Craig Beaton
Associate Deputy Minister

Attachment