

November 16, 2021

Dear Paul Westhaver:

Sent via email: paul@westhaver.ca

Re: You are entitled to the information you requested - 2021-01909-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 October 18, 2021.

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

Amended October 18, 2021: All records detailing admissions to ER visits and to hospitals in Nova Scotia of all persons admitted post COVID-19 vaccination, where the post COVID-19 vaccination period begins one second after the COVID-19 vaccination is administered, up to the submission date of this FOIPOP request, and who reported or had symptoms of any of the following: 1) myocarditis, or 2) pericarditis, or 3) stroke, or 4) pulmonary emboli, or 5) cardiac rhythm disturbances, or 6) neurological problems, or 7) reproductive problems including spontaneous abortion, or 8) allergenic reactions. All records detailing the same post covid-19 vaccination conditions as above, but in persons who were not admitted, or who had died. (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/31/2019 To 10/14/2021)

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, if you need further assistance regarding this application.

Sincerely,



Craig Beaton
Associate Deputy Minister

Attachment

FOIPOP Request 2021-01909-HEA

Data Notes:

- Data source is Panorama and include data from March 1, 2021-October 14, 2021
 - Cell sizes <5 have been suppressed.
 - These data only include deaths reported as an Adverse Event Following Immunization (AEFI) for COVID-19 vaccine. The deaths reported below are temporally associated with receipt of COVID-19 vaccine (occurred within 14 days) but does not mean that the individual died as a result of receiving the vaccine.
 - AEFI: Adverse Event Following Immunization
 - The numbers included in the report reflect the number of AEFIs with a status of “Review complete”, “Review complete, follow-up required” or “Follow-up complete”
- AND**
a PHAC report date entered into Panorama
- Reaction Type:

Allergic reaction:

- Allergic and Allergic-like events include the following:
 - Anaphylaxis
 - Oculo-Respiratory Syndrome (ORS)
 - Other allergic events
- Allergic reactions are further classified into the following categories:
 - Skin/mucosal
 - Cardio-vascular
 - Respiratory
 - Gastrointestinal

Neurologic reaction:

- Neurologic events include the following:
 - Meningitis
 - Encephalopathy/Encephalitis
 - Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS)
 - Bell’s Palsy
 - Other Paralysis
 - Seizure
 - Anaesthesia
 - Paraesthesia
 - Other neurologic diagnosis, specify

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| | Emergency Visit | Hospitalization | Death | No ER Visit/Not hospitalized |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|------------------------------|
| Myocarditis/Pericarditis | 8 | 34 | <5 | <5 |
| Stroke | 5 | 14 | <5 | 0 |
| Pulmonary embolism | <5 | 5 | <5 | 0 |
| Cardiac rhythm disturbances | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Neurological problems | 47 | 22 | <5 | 17 |
| Reproductive problems including spontaneous abortion | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Allergenic reactions | 110 | <5 | <5 | 129 |