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Institution Public Health Agency of Canada

Request details

Eligibility Individual present in Canada

Request label "monkeypox virus" purification

Request description All studies/reports authored by anyone, anywhere in the possession, custody or control of PHAC, Teresa Tam, Carolyn Bennett, Jean-Yves Duclos, Harpreet Kochhar or Kathy Thompson that describe anyone on Earth finding and purifying any "monkeypox virus" directly from a sample (i.e. bodily fluid/tissue/excrement) taken from any diseased host (animal or human) where the sample taken from the host was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. a cell line; fetal bovine serum). I do not require and do not want studies/reports where researchers failed to purify an alleged "virus" from the sample and instead: - cultured something, and/or - performed an amplification test (i.e. PCR), and/or - fabricated a "genome", and/or - produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things. I know that according to virus theory a "virus" requires host cells in order to replicate, and that a strict application of Koch's Postulates would not be possible even if theoretical "viruses" existed. I do not require records describing the replication of an alleged "virus" without host cells, or strict fulfillment of Koch's Postulates, or a suspected "virus" floating in a vacuum, or private patient records. I simply require records describing purification (separation from everything else in the clinical sample, as per standard laboratory practices for the purification of other very small things). If any such records are publicly available, please cite them.

Format of request Electronic copy (The institution may provide the records via Email, CD or DVD depending on size)

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Your Access to Information Request - PHAC-A-2022-000068 - Notification

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Tue, Jun 21, 2022 at 2:48 PM



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Our file: PHAC-A-2022-000068 / GS1

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Peterborough, Ontario

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Dear Christine Massey:

This is in response to your request made under the *Access to Information Act* (the Act) for the following information:

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I am one of the analysts assigned to your request, identified above, on behalf of the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC). Currently your request is still being processed under PHAC. Upon further review, I would like to notify you that Minister Duclos and Minister Bennett both fall under the scope of Health Canada (HC), not the PHAC.

As a result, I will require your permission to open a new request under Health Canada, using the same request text, to task the appropriate offices of the above-mentioned Ministers for any records which may pertain to your request. Please also note that any new application fees associated with the opening of this new Health Canada request will be waived. Once I receive your permission by responding to this email, I will be able begin this process.

Please let me know if you have any questions,
Gaurav S.

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Tue, Jun 21, 2022 at 4:29 PM

Hi Gaurav,

Please leave my FOI as is. I will file one with Health Canada if I need to.

Are you saying that the information below on these webpages of "the government" is false?

Thanks,
Christine

*The **Public Health Agency of Canada** is part of the federal health portfolio.*
Minister
*The Honourable **Jean-Yves Duclos***
Minister of Health
Minister
*The Honourable **Carolyn Bennett***
Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health.html>

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Minister of Health



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**The Honourable
Jean-Yves
Duclos**

Minister of Mental
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Tue, Jun 21, 2022 at 5:51 PM

Hello,

The Public Health Agency of Canada is indeed part of the Health Canada portfolio. However, both sides have a separate Access to Information and Privacy offices. It can get a bit confusing, and I am aware that this is not very transparent on either of the departments' websites.

Our analysts reach out to requesters when a request submitted under either side could possibly yield further information on the other side. In this case, we would open a new request for you on the Health Canada side to retrieve any information relevant from Health Canada, and still process your original request on the Public Health Agency side. There would be no changes to the original request submitted, but it would save you time (and the 5\$ fee) incurred should you submit a request to Health Canada later on. Both requests would be processed at the same time, by the same analyst.

Should you wish to have us proceed with the Public Health Agency side only, please note that we cannot retrieve documents from Health Canada, should there be any.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you!

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Thank you Mel.

I knew that PHAC and HC are considered 2 separate institutions with regards to FOIs. It was the claim that Duclos and Bennett only act as Ministers for HC and not the PHAC that concerned me.

Ok great, if you can seek records from both sides under the same FOI that would be wonderful, thank you. I didn't know that was possible. In the past I did separate FOIs for each.

Best wishes,
Christine

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Wed, Jun 22, 2022 at 9:47 AM

Hello,

I understand your concern! The Ministers also act for PHAC.

Perfect! We will open a second request on the Health Canada side to obtain any records they may have.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Wishing you a great day,

Mel Labelle

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Your Access to Information Request - HC-A-2022-000389 - Final Response

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Wed, Sep 7, 2022 at 3:41 PM

Hello again Christine,

Attached to this email you will find the final response to your Access to Information Request, for request HC-A-2022-000389, under Health Canada.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,
Gaurav S.


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Dear Christine Anne Massey:

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Having completed a thorough search, we regret to inform you that we were unable to locate any records responsive to your request.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the processing of your request, please do not hesitate to contact Gaurav Sethi, the analyst responsible for this file, either by phone at 343-541-6922 or by email at gaurav.sethi@hc-sc.gc.ca, with reference to our file number cited above.

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Yours sincerely,



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Wed, Sep 7, 2022 at 2:57 PM

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