

February 22, 2022

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Sent via email: shellyhipson@gmail.com

Dear Shelly Hipson:

**Re: We do not have the information you asked for – 2022-00112-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 January 21, 2022.

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

1. *Total number of teachers who have tested Positive for COVID-19 broken down into symptomatic, asymptomatic, and how they determined they were positive: Rapid Test/PCR Test/Combination of Rapid & PCR*
2. *Total number of students who have tested Positive for COVID-19 Broken down into symptomatic, asymptomatic, and how they determined they were positive: Rapid Test/PCR Test/Combination of Rapid & PCR*
3. *Total number of school staff who have tested Positive for COVID-19 broken down into symptomatic, asymptomatic, and how they determined they were positive: Rapid Test/PCR Test/Combination of Rapid & PCR*
4. *Please provide the recovery rate as well as*
  - a) *The total number of COVID-19 infections/cases that resulted in hospitalizations (general and ICU) that have been traced to someone attending a school*
5. *COVID-19 deaths that have been traced back to transmissions at or from a school.*

*Range for records broken down into school years.*

*Spring 2020 - start of the pandemic*

*September 2020 - End of school year in June of 2021*

*September 2021 - to January 21, 2022*

*(Date Range for Record Search: From 01/31/2020 To 01/20/2022)*

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 the Department of Health and Wellness does not have custody or control of records which would respond to your application. A description as to whether a case is a student, teacher or staff is not recorded in Panorama.

The Nova Scotia Health Authority may hold records that respond to the scope of this request.

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).

Sincerely,



Craig Beaton  
Associate Deputy Minister