

September 23, 2022

Shelly D Hipson
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Dear Shelly D Hipson:

Re: You are entitled to the information you requested - 2022-01337-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 August 24, 2022.

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

In the Nova Scotia Monthly COVID-19 Epidemiologic Summary dated August 9, 2022

Found here: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/alerts-notice/#epidemiologic-summaries>

It states that:

"Age and lack of vaccination continue to be associated with severe outcomes:

>>>"Unvaccinated Nova Scotians were hospitalized at nearly four times the rate and died more than three times the rate as those with three or more doses."<<<

I would like to receive all records that show the step by step mathematical calculation with supportive documentation and explanations - the calculation that was used to determine, support and justify this statement, that:

"Unvaccinated Nova Scotians were hospitalized at nearly four times the rate and died more than three times the rate as those with three or more doses."

In essence, the "record" that shows how this was determined by the Public Health Branch of the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness.

(Date Range for Record Search: From 12/31/2021 To 08/23/2022)

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 Tim Gregory at 902-223-4957 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 "Kathleen Trott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathleen" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Trott".

Kathleen Trott
Associate Deputy Minister

Attachment