

November 10, 2022

Sent via email: shellyhipson@gmail.com

Dear Shelly Hipson,

Re: We do not have the information you asked for – 2022-01666-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 11, 2022.

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

Amended October 13, 2022: I would like to receive all records on COVID-19 relative risk calculations held by the Department that compares the outcomes in the following two different groups of people.

- 1. The unvaccinated with no doses of the COVID-19 vaccine (Zero) with*
- 2. Those who have had two doses and three doses and more doses of the COVID-19 vaccines - those who have been vaccinated.*
- 3. All records on relative risk calculated for different age groups comparing the unvaccinated (0 doses) with those who are vaccinated; those who have received two doses, two doses and the booster, and fourth dose)*

*If a copy of the calculations are available, please include those as well.
(Date Range for Record Search: From 3/19/2022 To 10/7/2022)*

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 response was provided under FOIPOP 2022-01337-HEA that includes relative risk calculation information. The Department does not hold further records that show the relative risk calculations as indicated in the scope of your request. The calculations are completed with computer software based on the data in the Panorama Information System and tables are generated to report in the monthly epidemiological summaries on our website: [\(Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): alerts, news and data - Government of Nova Scotia, Canada\)](#).

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,

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