

March 1, 2021



Re: You are entitled to the information you requested - 2021-00138-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 29, 2021.

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

Please provide a breakdown on total COVID-19 deaths in 2020 noting:

1. *Total COVID-19 deaths*
2. *Total COVID-19 deaths- patients who had been living in nursing homes/long- term care homes*
3. *Analysis on the province's COVID-19 morbidity data (a breakdown showing morbidities that patients had when they passed- eg. Hypertension, dementia, diabetes, etc.)*

Responsive records have been located and are attached. The Department of Health and Wellness does not collect information on co-morbidities present at the time of death.

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,



Jeannine Lagassé
Associate Deputy Minister

Attachment

FOIPOP 2021-00138-HEA: *Breakdown of total COVID-19 deaths in 2020:*

1. *Total COVID-19 deaths*
2. *Total COVID-19 deaths- patients who had been living in nursing homes/long-term care homes*

Total COVID-19 deaths	Total COVID-19 deaths- patients who had been living in nursing homes/long-term care homes
65	57