

March 22, 2022



Dear 

Re: You are entitled to the information you requested - 2022-00335-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 February 20, 2022.

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

Please updated the information received under request 2021-02146-HEA for the date range of November 1, 2020 to February 20, 2022. (approximately 4 month period vs the 6 month period used in request 2021-02146-HEA)

For greater certainty: Broken down by age brackets noted below; how many Nova Scotian's have died from or with Covid-19 between November 1, 2021 and February 20, 2022:

- a. Birth to 4 years of age;*
- b. Between 5 and 11 years of age;*
- c. Between 12 and 19 years of age;*
- d. Between 20 and 29 years of age;*
- e. Between 30 and 39 years of age;*
- f. Between 40 and 49 years of age;*
- g. Between 50 and 59 years of age;*
- h. Between 60 and 69 years of age;*
- i. Between 70 and 79 years of age;*
- j. Between 80 and 89 years of age; and*
- k. Between 90 years and up. (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/1/2021 To 2/20/2022)*

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 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 'Craig Beaton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Craig Beaton
Associate Deputy Minister

FOIPOP Request 2021-00335-HEA**Data Notes:**

- Data source is Panorama and include data from November 1, 2020-Feb 20, 2022, for COVID deaths
- Cell sizes <5 have been suppressed
- Deaths captured in this dataset are those that meet the Public Health Agency of Canada case definition (<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/national-case-definition.html#dec>) :

Deceased case

- A probable or confirmed COVID-19 case whose death resulted from a clinically compatible illness, unless there is a clear alternative cause of death identified (e.g., trauma, poisoning, drug overdose).
- A Medical Officer of Health, relevant public health authority, or coroner may use their discretion when determining if a death was due to COVID-19, and their judgement will supersede the above-mentioned criteria.
- A death due to COVID-19 may be attributed when COVID-19 is the cause of death or is a contributing factor.

1. Broken down by 4-month periods and age brackets noted below; how many Nova Scotian's have died from or with Covid-19 between November 1, 2020 and February 20, 2022:

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- b. Between 5 and 11 years of age;
- c. Between 12 and 19 years of age;
- d. Between 20 and 29 years of age;
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- f. Between 40 and 49 years of age;
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- j. Between 80 and 89 years of age; and
- k. Between 90 years and up.

Table 1: Summary of COVID-19 deaths by age group, November 1, 2020 – February 20, 2022

Age group	November 1, 2020- February 29, 2021	March 1, 2021- June 30, 2021	July 1, 2021- October 31, 2021	November 1, 2021- February 20, 2022
0-4	0	0	0	0
5-11	0	0	0	<5
12-19	0	0	0	0
20-29	0	0	0	0
30-39	0	<5	0	<5
40-49	0	0	0	<5
50-59	0	<5	<5	6
60-69	0	6	<5	17
70-79	0	7	5	30
80-89	0	9	<5	33
90+	0	0	0	16
Total	0	27	9	105