D000344-021021 - Disease Control and Health Statistics

Message History (4)

On 5/4/2021 4:34:55 PM, WA State DOH Records Center wrote:

Subject: DOH Public Records Center :: D000344-021021
Body:
RE: Reference # D000344-021021

Dear Cliff Knopik,

The Washington State Department of Health received a public information request from you on February 10, 2021 for the following records:

"For Positive COVID Tests Cases is there a way to know how many tests are for the same individual who has been tested over multiple times over multiple dates?"

This email is to notify you that your request is not considered a request for Public Records. According to Washington State RCW 42.56.010(3):

A "public record" includes any writing containing information relating to the conduct of government or the performance of any governmental or proprietary function prepared, owned, used, or retained by the agency regardless of physical form or characteristics.

This request has been closed.

In an effort to provide answers to your questions, the following is from the COVID-19 Data Dashboard at https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/DataDashboard#technical, "Effective August 25, 2020, DOH changed the methodology for reporting test results. The total *number of tests* are now reported instead of the total number of *individuals tested*. New positive and negative test counts include all molecular tests (by specimen collection date) of individuals who have not previously tested positive. Multiple test results from the same day are counted only once and we exclude repeat tests on an individual after the first positive result. This methodology has been applied to the entire dashboard timeframe. The changes in our testing methodology did not affect dashboard testing trends."

If you have any questions, please feel free to respond directly to this email.

Sincerely,

Washington State Department of Health
Disease Control and Health Statistics
Public Records

On 2/12/2021 3:16:07 PM, WA State DOH Records Center wrote:

Subject: DOH Public Records Center :: D000344-021021
Body:
Reference # D000344-021021

Dear Cliff Knopik,

The Department of Health received your public records request on February 10, 2021 for the following records:

"For Positive COVID Tests Cases is there a way to know how many tests are for the same individual who has been tested over multiple times over multiple dates?"

The Department of Health is in the process of identifying, gathering, and reviewing the records responsive to your request. We anticipate providing records responsive to this request on or before 9/13/2021.

WAC 246-08-990 (RCW 42.56.120) authorizes the Department of Health to collect fees for providing copies either electronically or in paper format. After we have determined the number of records responsive to your request, we will give you a cost estimate for production of the records. Here is a link to the public records fee schedule.

If you wish to limit your request, or if you have any questions, please feel free respond directly to this email.

Sincerely,

Washington State Department of Health
Disease Control and Health Statistics
Public Records

On 2/10/2021 4:24:20 PM, WA State DOH Records Center wrote:

Washington State Department of Health

Dear Cliff Knopik:

Thank you for submitting a public records request to the Washington State Department of Health. Your request has been received and is being processed in accordance with the State of Washington Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW. Your request was received in this office on 2/10/2021 and given the reference number D000344-021021 for

tracking purposes. You will receive an official acknowledgement letter within 5 business days from this date.

Not all public documents are available in electronic format. If the document(s) requested are not available electronically, we will make them available for inspection or by paper copy in accordance with the Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW.

Sincerely,

Washington State Department of Health

Disease Control and Health Statistics

Public Records

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the DOH Online Public Records Center

On 2/10/2021 4:24:18 PM, Cliff Knopik wrote:

Request Created on Public Portal