D000303-010521 - Disease Control and Health Statistics

Message History (4)

On 1/8/2021 9:42:34 AM, WA State DOH Records Center wrote:

Subject: DOH Public Records Center :: D000303-010521
Body:
Reference # D000303-010521

Dear Cliff Knopik,

The Department of Health received a public records request from you on January 05, 2021. You requested the following:

"Hi, For COVID tests in Washington State that are using the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Test - what is the cycle threshold (Ct) being used? Thanks."

We have reached out to our Public Health Laboratories and they have provided the following answer to your question: "WA DOH has no visibility on other medical testing site's Ct usage. At the WA PHL, the lab currently utilizes two PCR tests based upon FDA EUA approval. The TaqPath™ test has a Ct cutoff of ≤ 37 and the CDC FDA EUA has a Ct cutoff of < 40 ." Since all identified information/records have been provided to you, this request is considered closed.

Under RCW 42.56.520 you may appeal the decision to withhold information contained in the records via a request for review by the Department of Health's Public Records Officer. The request must be submitted in writing by one of the following methods:

1. Send an email request to PRRappeals@doh.wa.gov
2. Mail your request to:
   Public Records Officer
   Washington State Department of Health
   P.O. Box 47890
   Olympia, WA 98504-7890

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to respond directly to this email.

Sincerely,

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

On 1/7/2021 11:12:38 AM, WA State DOH Records Center wrote:

Subject: DOH Public Records Center :: D000303-010521
Body:
Reference # D000303-010521

Dear Cliff Knopik,

The Department of Health received your public records request on January 05, 2021 for the following records:

"Hi, For COVID tests in Washington State that are using the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Test - what is the cycle threshold (Ct) being used? Thanks."

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 August 2, 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 1/5/2021 2:56:08 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 1/5/2021 and given the reference number D000303-010521 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

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

On 1/5/2021 2:56:06 PM, Cliff Knopik wrote:

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