



**MONROE COUNTY
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Mr. Nathan Payne
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VIA Email: 110408-77585735@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Mr. Payne:

Your Freedom of Information request dated Monday, April 5, 2021 was received by the County of Monroe on Monday, April 12, 2021 requesting the following documents:

Data reporting numbers of deaths from COVID-19 and/or complications associated with COVID-19, between January 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021, of residents of facilities which are licensed by Michigan Bureau of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs to care for 12 residents or fewer. This includes deaths among residents of Adult Family Homes with capacity of 1-6, Adult Medium Group Home with capacity 7-12, Adult Small Group Home with capacity of 1-6, and other Adult Foster Care home lessened to care for 12 residents or fewer.

The County of Monroe searched for records as outlined in your FOIA request. The search is complete and your request is denied as the County of Monroe does not have any records that fulfill your request. The Monroe County Public Health Department does not compile the data noted in your request and does not produce a report or document that we have in our possession. The search was conducted by the Monroe County Public Health Department. We would refer you to the State of Michigan Bureau of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs who may have the subject information as part of its regulatory oversight of the facilities outlined in your request.

In the event that you are not satisfied with this response, we want to advise you of your rights. You have the right to submit a written appeal that specifically states the word “appeal” and identifies the reason or reasons for reversal of this denial, to the Chairman of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners, Mark Brant.

In addition, you may also seek judicial review of this denial pursuant to MCL 15.240. If you seek judicial review and the Court determines that the public records are not exempt from disclosure, you have the right to receive attorney fees and damages.

You may find complete procedures and guidelines on the County of Monroe web site at www.co.monroe.mi.us for further guidance on the County’s processing of Michigan Freedom of Information Act requests.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Bosanac
Administrator/Chief Financial Officer