

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-01647-DLF**

BUZZFEED, INC. v. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL  
AND PREVENTION et al  
Assigned to: Judge Dabney L. Friedrich  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/18/2021  
Date Terminated: 09/30/2022  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/18/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Fee Status:Filing Fee Waived) filed by BUZZFEED, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Ex A-E, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Ex F-I, # <u>3</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/18/2021)
06/18/2021	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of BUZZFEED, INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/18/2021)
06/18/2021	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by BUZZFEED, INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/18/2021)
06/21/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Dabney L. Friedrich. (adh, ) (Entered: 06/21/2021)
06/21/2021	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 06/21/2021)
06/23/2021	<u>5</u>	STANDARD ORDER for Civil Cases. See text for details. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on June 23, 2021. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 06/23/2021)
07/23/2021	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION served on 7/9/2021 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/23/2021)
07/23/2021	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES served on 7/12/2021 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/23/2021)
07/23/2021	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 07/09/2021. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/23/2021)
07/23/2021	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/9/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/8/2021. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/23/2021)

08/09/2021	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Christopher Charles Hair on behalf of All Defendants (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 08/09/2021)
08/09/2021	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.(Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 08/09/2021)
08/10/2021		MINUTE ORDER requiring the parties to MEET AND CONFER and file a joint status report proposing a schedule for further proceedings. The status report should address the status of the plaintiff's FOIA request, including the anticipated number of documents responsive to the request and the anticipated date(s) for release of the requested documents. The parties shall file the joint status report on or before August 31, 2021. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on August 10, 2021. (lcldf2) (Entered: 08/10/2021)
08/10/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 8/31/2021 (zjch) (Entered: 08/11/2021)
08/31/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 08/31/2021)
09/01/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before October 29, 2021. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on September 1, 2021. (lcldf2) (Entered: 09/01/2021)
10/29/2021	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 10/29/2021)
10/29/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before November 30, 2021. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on October 29, 2021. (lcldf2) (Entered: 10/29/2021)
11/30/2021	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 11/30/2021)
12/01/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before January 31, 2022. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on December 1, 2021. (lcldf2) (Entered: 12/01/2021)
01/31/2022	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 01/31/2022)
01/31/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before March 31, 2022. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on January 31, 2022. (lcldf2) (Entered: 01/31/2022)
03/31/2022	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by BUZZFEED, INC.. (Loevy, Joshua) (Entered: 03/31/2022)
04/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before May 31, 2022. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on April 1, 2022. (lcldf2) (Entered: 04/01/2022)
04/07/2022	<u>17</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Paul Cirino on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Christopher C. Hair (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 04/07/2022)
05/31/2022	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 05/31/2022)

05/31/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before August 1, 2022. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on May 31, 2022. (lcldf2) (Entered: 05/31/2022)
08/01/2022	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 08/01/2022)
08/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before September 15, 2022. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on August 1, 2022. (lcldf2) (Entered: 08/01/2022)
08/12/2022	<u>20</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Marsha Wellknown Yee on behalf of CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Substituting for attorney Paul Cirino (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 08/12/2022)
09/15/2022	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by BUZZFEED, INC.. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 09/15/2022)
09/19/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before October 1, 2022, if a stipulation of dismissal is not filed before that date. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on September 19, 2022. (lcldf3) (Entered: 09/19/2022)
09/23/2022	<u>22</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua Loevy on behalf of BUZZFEED, INC. (Loevy, Joshua) (Entered: 09/23/2022)
09/29/2022	<u>23</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 09/29/2022)
09/30/2022		MINUTE ORDER dismissing this case with prejudice in light of the parties' <u>23</u> Stipulation of Dismissal. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a). The Clerk of Court is directed to close this case. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on September 30, 2022. (lcldf3) (Entered: 09/30/2022)