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SENT VIA EMAIL

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1st Letter Subject: Acknowledgement Letter

Dear Ms. Brehm:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) received your November 08, 2021, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request on November 08, 2021, seeking:

“All communications regarding the study titled “Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 Among Adults Hospitalized with COVID-19-Like Illness with Infection-Induced or mRNA Vaccine-Induced SARS-CoV-2 Immunity – Nine States, January – September 2021” published in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report dated October 29, 2021, available at https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7044e1.htm?s_cid=mm7044e1_w ...that were sent or received by the following individuals:

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Your FOIA request number is #22-00310-FOIA, and it has been placed in our complex processing queue.

In unusual circumstances, an agency can extend the twenty-working-day limit to respond to a FOIA request. We will require more than thirty working days to respond to your request because:

- We reasonably expect that two or more CDC centers, institutes, and offices (C/I/Os) may have responsive records.
- We reasonably expect to consult with two or more C/I/O/s, or another HHS operating division or another federal agency about your request.

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To process your request promptly, please consider narrowing the scope of your request to limit the number of responsive records. If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact the analyst handling your request, Carolyn Okpewho, at 770-488-6332 or our FOIA Public Liaison, Roger Andoh, at 770-488-6277. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services; National Archives and Records Administration; 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS; College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

You requested that we waive fees associated with processing your request, your request is denied because it doesn't meet the following criteria:

- The disclosure of the records will not contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government.
- You have failed to demonstrate that you disseminate information to the public.
- You have failed to provide enough information to warrant a waiver of fees.

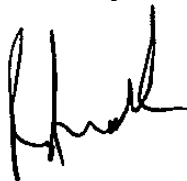
Because Informed Consent Action Network (ICAN) is considered an "All Other requester" you are entitled to two hours of free search time, and up to 100 pages of duplication (or the cost equivalent of other media) without charge, and you will not be charged for review time. We may charge for search time beyond the first two hours and for duplication beyond the first 100 pages. (10 cents/page).

Since you did provide us with a date range for your request, the search cut-off date for your request will be the date provided.

You have the right to appeal the agency's fee waiver response to your request. You may mail your appeal to the Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, Suite 729H, Washington, D.C. 20201. You may also transmit your appeal via email to FOIARequest@psc.hhs.gov. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted by February 07, 2022.

You may check on the status of your case on our FOIA webpage <https://foia.cdc.gov/app/Home.aspx> and entering your assigned request number.

Sincerely,



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