

CDC FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

VIA ONLINE PORTAL

November 22, 2021

Roger Andoh
Freedom of Information Officer
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road, N.E., Building 57, Room MS D-54
Atlanta, Georgia 30333

Re: COVID-19 Reinfection Cases (January 2021 – September 2021) (IR#0651B)

Dear Sir or Madam:

This firm represents the Informed Consent Action Network (“ICAN”). On behalf of ICAN, please provide the following records to foia@sirillp.com in electronic form:

Please provide all deidentified¹ documents sufficient to show the total number of confirmed cases within the United States of COVID-19 re-infection.²

As defined by the CDC, reinfection is when a person was infected with COVID-19 once, recovered, and then later became infected with COVID-19 again.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/reinfection.html>

We ask that you waive any and all fees or charges pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). ICAN is a not-for-profit news media organization whose mission is to raise public awareness about vaccine safety and to provide the public with information to give informed consent. As part of its mission, ICAN actively investigates and disseminates information regarding vaccine safety issues for free, including through its website,³ a weekly health news and talk show,⁴ and through press events and releases. ICAN is seeking the information in this FOIA request to allow it to contribute

¹ For purposes of this request, “deidentified” shall mean redacted at any point in time to remove private, personally identifiable information.

² “Reinfection” is when a person was infected with COVID-19 once, recovered, and then later became infected with COVID-19 again. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/reinfection.html> (last visited 9/8/2021).

³ <https://www.icandecide.org/>.

⁴ <https://thehighwire.com/>.

to the public understanding of the government's vaccine safety programs, including the government's efforts to promote vaccine safety. The information ICAN is requesting will not contribute to any commercial activities.

Please note that the FOIA provides that if only portions of a requested file are exempted from release, the remainder must still be released. We therefore request that we be provided with all non-exempt portions which are reasonably segregable. We further request that you describe any deleted or withheld material in detail and specify the statutory basis for the denial as well as your reasons for believing that the alleged statutory justification applies. Please also separately state your reasons for not invoking your discretionary powers to release the requested documents in the public interest. Such statements may help to avoid unnecessary appeal and litigation. ICAN of course reserves all rights to appeal the withholding or deletion of any information.

Access to the requested records should be granted within twenty (20) business days from the date of your receipt of this letter. Failure to respond in a timely manner shall be viewed as a denial of this request and ICAN may immediately take further action.

If you would like to discuss our requests or any issues raised in this letter, please feel free to contact Gabrielle G. Palmer at (212) 532-1091 or foia@sirillp.com during normal business hours. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Aaron Siri

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