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Dear Mr. Siri:

This letter is in response to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of May 2, 2022, seeking:

"All data, gathered in the effort to recalculate hospitalizations during the pandemic, reflecting: 1. The number of people who were admitted to a hospital due to COVID-19; and 2. The and the number of individuals who were admitted to a hospital for reasons other than COVID-19 and tested positive after being admitted. Information helpful to fulfilling this request: "Biden officials trying to recalculate U.S. Covid-19 hospitalizations"  
[https://www.politico.com/news/2022/02/07/biden-covid-hospitalization-data-recalculate-00006341.](https://www.politico.com/news/2022/02/07/biden-covid-hospitalization-data-recalculate-00006341)"

COVID-NET collects data from a network of approximately 300 hospitals within a defined catchment area that represents about 10% of the U.S. population. COVID-NET does not work with hospitals nationwide, and COVID-NET has not been involved in efforts to "recalculate" hospitalizations nationwide due to COVID/other reasons.

The most up to date data on the number of people who were admitted to a hospital due to COVID-19 can be found at the public facing CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker (please follow this link - <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#new-hospital-admissions>). As of 5/17, the number of people admitted to a hospital due to COVID-19 was 4.68M.

In response to item #2 of your request, we do not have this data available. The way that our data guidance defines COVID admission does not enable us to make a distinction between hospital admissions due to COVID-19 vs. hospital admissions for reasons other than COVID-19. Please see the FAQ for more detail (link - <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-faqs-hospitals-hospital-laboratory-acute-care-facility-data-reporting.pdf>)

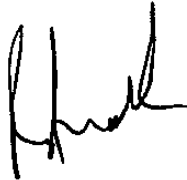
A search of our records failed to reveal any documents pertaining to your request.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6246 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration 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](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal to the Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, via the online portal at <https://requests.publiclink.hhs.gov/App/Index.aspx>. Please mark both your appeal letter and envelope "FOIA Appeal." Your appeal must be electronically transmitted by March 27, 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Andoh". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and a long horizontal stroke.

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