DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Public Health Service

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Atlanta GA 30333

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SENT VIA EMAIL

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Dear Ms. Brehm:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) received your clarified July 16, 2021, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request on July 16, 2021, seeking:

"All de-identified documents received by the CDC from the California Department of Public Health, or from any other California entity, relating to cases of COVID-19 Vaccine breakthrough infections."

The CDC Emergency Operations Center (EOC) relayed the following:

The CDC has a Data Use Agreement with California and other states. The agreement precludes CDC from providing state data that is voluntarily reported to CDC. If information exists regarding the subject of this request, we suggest you contact the California Department of Public Health directly using <u>https://www.cdph.ca.gov/</u>. To obtain other state data, you can use this link <u>https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/healthdirectories/healthdepartments.html</u> to access state public health websites.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6277 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; 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 by writing 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. Please mark both your appeal letter and envelope "FOIA Appeal." Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted by December 07, 2021.

Sincerely,

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