

**Subject: Access to Info Request: records re PURIFICATION OF “SARS-COV-2”**

**August 11<sup>th</sup> 2021**

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**Dear Mr. Husband,**

This is a formal request for access to general records, made under Maryland’s Public Information Act.

**Description of Requested Records:**

All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the DC Health Department of Health (MDH) describing the **purification** of any **“COVID-19 virus”** (aka “SARS-COV-2”, including any alleged “variants” i.e. “B.1.1.7”, “B.1.351”, “P.1”) directly from a sample taken from a diseased human, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of **genetic** material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum).

Please note that I am not requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to **purify** the suspected “virus” (separate the alleged “virus” from everything thing else in the patient sample) and instead:

- cultured an unpurified sample or other unpurified substance, and/or
- performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test) on the total RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture, or on genetic material from any unpurified substance, and/or
- fabricated a genome based on PCR-detected sequences in the total RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture or from any unpurified substance, and/or
- produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things in a cell culture.

## Clarification of Request

For further clarity, please note I am already aware that according to virus theory a “virus” requires host cells in order to replicate, and I am **not** requesting records describing the **replication** of a “virus” without host cells.

Further, I am **not** requesting records that describe a suspected “virus” floating in a vacuum; I am simply requesting records that describe its **purification (separation)** from everything else in the patient sample, as per standard laboratory practices for the purification of other very small things).

Please note that my request includes any study/report matching the above description, for example (but not limited to) any published peer-reviewed study **authored by anyone, anywhere.**

Please also note that despite the fact that [purification is an essential](#) (but not sufficient) step in proving the existence of a disease-causing “virus”, as of today [68 institutions globally](#) (including the U.S. CDC, Public Health Agency of Canada, Australian Department of Health, New Zealand Ministry of Health, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, UK Department for Health and Social Care, Indian Council of Medical Research) have all failed to provide or cite any such records, therefore to my knowledge no such records exist and if they do exist I cannot access them until I am provided a citation or URL.

Therefore in the interest of transparency and in accordance with the purposes of the legislation (Open Government and FOIA - DC Health), if any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it). Please provide URLs where possible.

### Format:

Pdf documents sent to me via email; I do not wish for anything to be shipped to me.

### Contact Information:

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Office of the General Counsel

August 13, 2021

Via email: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request  
Subject: Purification of COVID-19  
2021-FOIA-07248

Dear [REDACTED]

Your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeks "studies and/or reports ... describing the **purification** of any "**COVID-19 virus**" (aka "SARS-COV-2", including alleged variants ...."  
[Bolding in original]

#### **FOIA Response**

The Government of the District of Columbia has posted COVID-19 documents, data, and information on <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>.

When I conferred with the Director of the Department of Health regarding your FOIA request, I was advised that the Department of Health has not been involved in any research or day-to-day activities related to purification of SARS-CoV-2. No letters, reports, or documents (other than your FOIA request) regarding a purification process have been received by the Director of the Department of Health.

#### **Referrals to Other Agencies**

The separate Office of the Chief Medical Officer (OCME) and the Public Health Laboratory operated by the separate Department of Forensic Sciences (DFS) may have documents responsive to your FOIA request. If you have not done so already, you may wish to submit FOIA request to OCME and DFS. The contact information for OCME's FOIA Officer and DFS' FOIA Officer is:

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### **Final Response**

This letter constitutes my final response on behalf of the Department of Health to your FOIA request.

### **FOIA Fees**

FOIA fees for this response have been waived.

### **Appeal Rights**

Please know that, under D.C. Official Code § 2-537 and 1 DCMR § 412, you have the right to appeal this letter to the Mayor or to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Your appeal must be in writing or submitted via FOIAXpress.

Please know that, under D.C. Official Code § 2-537 and 1 DCMR § 412, you have the right to appeal this response to the Mayor or to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. If you elect to appeal to the Mayor, your appeal must be in writing and contain "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" or "FOIA Appeal" in the subject line of the letter as well on the outside of the envelope. The appeal must include (1) a copy of the original request; (2) a copy of any written denial; (3) a statement of the circumstances, reasons, and/or arguments advanced in support of disclosure; and (4) a daytime telephone number, an email address, and U.S. Mail address at which you can be reached. The appeal must be mailed to: The Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel, FOIA Appeal, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 407, Washington, D.C. 20004. Electronic versions of the same information can instead be emailed to [foia.appeals@dc.gov](mailto:foia.appeals@dc.gov). Further, a copy of all appeal materials must be forwarded to Phillip L. Husband, Freedom of Information Act Officer for the Department of Health, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Health, 899 North Capitol Street, N.E., 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20002 or via email to [Phillip.Husband@dc.gov](mailto:Phillip.Husband@dc.gov). Failure to follow these administrative steps will result in delay in the processing and commencement of a response to your appeal to the Mayor.

If you used FOIAXpress to submit your FOIA request, you may create an appeal by using FOIAXpress.

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If I may be of further assistance, please call me at (202) 442-5970 or e-mail me at [Phillip.Husband@dc.gov](mailto:Phillip.Husband@dc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phillip L. Husband", written over a horizontal line.

Phillip L. Husband  
General Counsel for the Department of Health  
and Freedom of Information Act Officer