



FOI request to University of Waterloo re: "SARS-COV-2" purification

Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>
To: fippa@uwaterloo.ca, melissa.holst@uwaterloo.ca

Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 12:25 PM

November 15, 2021

Melissa Holst
Information & Privacy Administrator and Administrative Assistant
Submitted via email to: melissa.holst@uwaterloo.ca

Kathy Winter
Privacy Officer
Submitted via email to: fippa@uwaterloo.ca

Dear Ms. Holst and Ms. Winter,

This is a formal request for access to general records, made under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Description of Requested Records:

1. All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of Associate Professor Michael Palmer (Chemistry) and/or the University of Waterloo's President, Faculties, Vice-Chancellor, Senate, Officers, Executive Board, Secretary, Office of the University Counsel or any health or science department head at the University of Waterloo describing the **purification** of the alleged "**COVID-19 virus**" (aka "SARS-COV-2", including any alleged "variants") 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).

Clarification of my request:

Please note that I am **not** requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to **purify** the suspected "virus" and instead:

- cultured something, and/or
- performed an amplification test (i.e. PCR), and/or
- fabricated a genome from sequences detected in an impure substance, and/or
- produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things.

I am already aware that according to virus theory a "virus" requires host cells in order to replicate, and am **not** requesting records that describe **replication** of a 'virus' without host cells. Nor am I requesting records that describe a strict fulfillment of Koch's Postulates, or records that describe a suspected "virus" floating in a vacuum, or private patient information.

I simply request records that describe **purification** (separation of the alleged virus 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, **authored by anyone, anywhere**.

2. If the University is unable to provide or cite any such records as described above, then please provide the first published study/record that, in the opinion of Associate Professor Michael Palmer, proved the existence of "SARS-COV-2" in Wuhan, China.

If any records match the above descriptions of requested records and are currently available in the public domain, 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:

Electronic (i.e. pdf) documents sent to me via email; I do not wish for anything to be shipped to me.

Name of applicant and address for correspondence

Last name: Massey

First name: Christine

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Thank you in advance and best wishes,
Christine Massey, M.Sc.



Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

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Group Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection <fippa@uwaterloo.ca>
To: Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Tue, Dec 21, 2021 at 5:46 PM

Hi Christine,

Attached, please find our response to your request.

With very best regards,

Kathy

Kathy Winter, Ph.D., C.Psych.

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21 December 2021

Christine Massey

Peterborough, ON

Dear Ms. Massey,

Re: Access Request No. UW21-22
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act) Request for Information

On 15 November 2021, my office received your request for access to information. On 22 November 2021, we then received your \$5 application fee by mail—which formalizes your request.

I have assessed your request under the Act and would like to advise that it is denied because the Act does not apply to it. That is, as per Section [65\(8.1\)\(a\)](#) research exclusion, *a record respecting or associated with research conducted or proposed by an employee of an educational institution or by a person associated with an educational institution is excluded* from access under the Act.

This decision has been made by Karen Jack, Secretary of the University. You may ask for a review of this decision within 30 days of receiving this letter by writing to: The Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario, 2 Bloor Street East, Suite 1400, Toronto, ON, M4W 1A8. If you decide to request an appeal of this decision, please provide the Commissioner's office with the following: a copy of this decision letter, a copy of the original request for information you sent to our institution, and a \$25.00 cheque or money order payable to the Minister of Finance.

Sincerely,

Kathy Winter

Kathy Winter, Ph.D., C.Psych.
Privacy Officer
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Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Tue, Dec 21, 2021 at 7:09 PM

To: Group Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection <fippa@uwaterloo.ca>

Dear Kathy,

Thank you for your letter, however I find it unsatisfactory and require clarification.

You have stated that my request "*is denied because the Act does not apply to it. That is, as per Section 65(8.1)(a) research exclusion, a record respecting or associated with research conducted or proposed by an employee of an educational institution or by a person associated with an educational institution is excluded from access under the Act.*"

Please note that section 29 (1) of the Act states:

Contents of notice of refusal***29 (1) Notice of refusal to give access to a record or a part thereof under section 26 shall set out******(a) where there is no such record,******(i) that there is no such record...******(b) where there is such a record,******(i) the specific provision of this Act under which access is refused,******(ii) the reason the provision applies to the record,*****With regard to the 1st part of my request** (for records describing purification):

All 41 Canadian institutions (including Public Health Agency of Canada) that were previously queried with the same request admitted to having no such records. All 100 additional institutions from over 25 additional countries also failed to provide or cite any such records. No one on the planet appears to have any record of the alleged virus having been purified from any patient sample even though purification from **many** patient samples would be necessary to prove the existence of a deadly virus circulating in humans. (All of the previous responses are publicly available on my website: <https://www.fluoridefreepeel.ca/fois-reveal-that-health-science-institutions-around-the-world-have-no-record-of-sars-cov-2-isolation-purification/>.)

If the University of Waterloo also has no such records, then:

- the exception under 65(8.1)(a) is nonsensical and irrelevant because a nonexistent record is not respecting or associated with anything, and
- section 29(1) requires you to state that there is no such record.

And if the University of Waterloo does have such a record, **then there is some possibility that the alleged deadly virus actually exists**, in which case you need to disclose the record(s) posthaste, as per section 11(1):

Obligation to disclose***11 (1) Despite any other provision of this Act, a head shall, as soon as practicable, disclose any record to the public or persons affected if the head has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that it is in the public interest to do so and that the record reveals a grave environmental, health or safety hazard to the public.***

Therefore please clarify whether or not the University holds any such record, and if the University does please provide access to it immediately.

With regard to the 2nd part of my request (for the first published study/record that, in the opinion of Associate Professor Michael Palmer, proved the existence of "SARS-COV-2" in Wuhan, China):

(Recall that this part of my request only applies if the University of Waterloo has no records describing purification.)

If the University of Waterloo also has no records that, in Michael Palmer's opinion, proved the existence of "SARS-COV-2" in Wuhan, then once again:

- the exception under 65(8.1)(a) is nonsensical and irrelevant because a nonexistent record is not respecting or associated with anything, and
- section 29(1) requires you to state that there is no such record.

And, if the University of Waterloo does hold records that, in Michael Palmer's opinion, proved the existence of "SARS-COV-2" in Wuhan, then you need to disclose the record(s) posthaste, as per section 11(1).

Best wishes,
Christine

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Automatic reply: FOI request to University of Waterloo re: "SARS-COV-2" purification

Group Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection <fippa@uwaterloo.ca>
To: Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Tue, Dec 21, 2021 at 6:03 PM

The University Privacy Office is currently closed for the holiday. This email will be responded to again beginning 4 January 2022. With very best wishes.



Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

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Group Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection <fippa@uwaterloo.ca>
To: Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Wed, Jan 5, 2022 at 9:23 AM

Hello Christine,

The [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#) (the Act) is not applicable to your request. Specifically, the type of information you are requesting is Excluded from the Act and the Act does not apply to your request as stated in my correspondence to you dated 21 December 2021.

With best wishes,

Kathy

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FOI request to University of Waterloo re: "SARS-COV-2" purification

Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Thu, Jan 6, 2022 at 7:20 PM

To: Group Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection <fippa@uwaterloo.ca>

Dear Kathy,

As I explained on December 21, 2021, you have cited **65(8.1)(a) which does not apply to nonexistent records.**

Exception

(8.1) This Act does not apply,

(a) to a record respecting or associated with research conducted or proposed by an employee of an educational institution or by a person associated with an educational institution;

Nonexistent records are obviously **not** "*respecting or associated with research conducted or proposed by an employee of an educational institution or by a person associated with an educational institution*", because **they don't exist and therefore are not associated with anything.**

I'm pretty sure that 65(8.1)(a) is not an exemption for imaginary, hypothetical records. It certainly isn't indicated as such.

And even if it were an exemption for imaginary, hypothetical records, I made 100% clear from the beginning that "**my request includes any study/report matching the above description, authored by anyone, anywhere.**" My request is **not** only for records "*respecting or associated with research conducted or proposed by an employee of an educational institution or by a person associated with an educational institution*"; it says **nothing whatsoever** about records "*respecting or associated with research conducted or proposed by an employee of an educational institution or by a person associated with an educational institution*". Plenty of laboratories are capable of purifying particles in the same size range as the alleged "virus" and "variants" without **any** involvement from an employee of an educational institution or a person associated with an educational institution.

But again, I'm **pretty sure** that 65(8.1)(a) is not an exemption for imaginary, hypothetical records.

And I remind you, the Act makes perfectly clear how requests for nonexistent records are to be handled:

Contents of notice of refusal

29 (1) Notice of refusal to give access to a record or a part thereof under section 26 shall set out,

(a) where there is no such record,

(i) that there is no such record, and

(ii) that the person who made the request may appeal to the Commissioner the question of whether such a record exists; or

(b) where there is such a record,

(i) the specific provision of this Act under which access is refused,

(ii) the reason the provision applies to the record,

- (iii) the name and position of the person responsible for making the decision, and
- (iv) that the person who made the request may appeal to the Commissioner for a review of the decision. R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31, s. 29 (1).

Thus far, you have not provided a coherent response, and I do require a clear, coherent response that is in accordance with the Act.

Here are examples of coherent responses that **are** in accordance with the Act, from other institutions that are subject to the exact same legislation and responded to the exact same request; perhaps you will find them helpful:

[Public Health Ontario](#),
[Ontario Ministry of Health](#) (and another from [Ontario Ministry of Health](#) re “delta variant”,
[University Health Network](#),
[Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General and Ontario Provincial Police](#),
[McGill University](#),
[University of Ottawa](#),
[University of Waterloo](#),
[Dalhousie University](#),
[University of Toronto](#),
[Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre](#),
[McMaster University](#),
[Mount Sinai Hospital](#) (Toronto).

All of these institutions stated, as per section 29(1)(a)(i), that they have no such record.

I look forward to your cooperation in this matter, and your clear, coherent response that is in accordance with the Act.

Best wishes,
Christine

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