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Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655

February 25, 2021

SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: foia@americanoversight.org

Austin Evers
American Oversight
1030 15th Street, NW, Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005

Re: **2020-HQFO-01519**

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated July 27, 2020, and received by this office on July 27, 2020. You are seeking:

1. The number of minors who have been tested for COVID-19.
2. The ages of minors who have been tested for COVID-19.
3. The number of the aforementioned tests which (a) returned a positive determination (i.e. confirmed the presence of coronavirus) and (b) returned a negative determination (i.e. did not confirm the presence of coronavirus).
4. The number of minors who have died from COVID-19.

We conducted a comprehensive search of files within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Office of Response and Recovery (ORR) and the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC), for records that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

While an adequate search was conducted, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist within the Office of Response and Recovery (ORR) and the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) that would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(e)(2). Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

Upon further review, we have determined that most COVID-19 related requests, including yours, should be handled at the Component-level rather than processed at Headquarters for the portion of the request that seeks records from a specific DHS Component. Accordingly, you should also expect to receive a final response directly from ICE. Please note that the Component is already in the process of searching for potentially responsive records to your request. We do not expect this administrative change to delay your response.

Due to the subject matter of your request, I am transferring this request to the FOIA Officer for **United States Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE)**, for processing under the FOIA and direct response to you. Please find their contact information below:

United States Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE)

Freedom of Information Act Office

500 12th Street, SW, Stop 5009

Washington, D.C. 20536-5009

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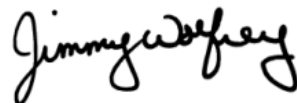
[ICE Website](#)

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the analyst below who processed your request and refer to **2020-HQFO-01519**.

You may send an e-mail to foia@hq.dhs.gov, call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner. Additionally, you have a right to right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS 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.

Provisions of FOIA allow DHS to charge for processing fees, up to \$25, unless you seek a waiver of fees. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$25 minimum, there is no charge.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Wolfrey
Senior Director, FOIA Operations and Management
(Acting)

