

Subject: Public Records Statutes Request: NE-DHHS-21-1466 Sturgis
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 9:58:27 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: DHHS Public Records
To: AO Records
CC: DHHS Public Records
Attachments: NE-DHHS-21-1466.pdf, RESPONSIVE BINDER - STURGIS.pdf

EXTERNAL SENDER

Good Morning:

Thank you for your public records request dated October 21, 2021 seeking any sent email containing the term "Sturgis" from the outlined individuals in your attached request. Attached are the records responsive to your request. Your check (#1243) was received by the department today and will be deposited in the next few business days.

Thank-you,

Brianna Cowell | *Legal - Administrative Assistant II*

UNMC MPH - Policy and Administration Student - 2023

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From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 10:43 AM
To: DHHS Public Records <DHHS.PublicRecords@nebraska.gov>
Subject: Public Records Statutes Request: NE-DHHS-21-1466

Dear Records Custodian:

Please find attached a request for records under Nebraska's public records statutes.

Sincerely,

Mariuxi Pintado
Paralegal
American Oversight
records@americanoversight.org
www.americanoversight.org | @weareoversight

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Cowell, Brianna

From: Stover, Derry
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 2:18 PM
To: DHHS PIO; Donahue, Matthew
Subject: RE: Washington Post inquiry about coronavirus cases and Sturgis Motorcycle Rally (deadline today)

Thanks. I'll hold for now.

Derry Stover | *Epidemiology Surveillance Coordinator*

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From: DHHS PIO <DHHS.PIO@nebraska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 1:48 PM
To: Donahue, Matthew <Matthew.Donahue@nebraska.gov>; Stover, Derry <Derry.Stover@nebraska.gov>
Cc: DHHS PIO <DHHS.PIO@nebraska.gov>
Subject: RE: Washington Post inquiry about coronavirus cases and Sturgis Motorcycle Rally (deadline today)

My apologies. We do not need a response.

Thanks,

Khalilah

From: Donahue, Matthew <Matthew.Donahue@nebraska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 1:46 PM
To: DHHS PIO <DHHS.PIO@nebraska.gov>; Stover, Derry <Derry.Stover@nebraska.gov>
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Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 11:36 AM
To: Donahue, Matthew <Matthew.Donahue@nebraska.gov>
Subject: FW: Washington Post inquiry about coronavirus cases and Sturgis Motorcycle Rally (deadline today)

Would you be able to provide a written statement in response to this?

From: Knowles, Hannah <Hannah.Knowles@washpost.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 11:31 AM

To: DHHS PIO <DHHS.PIO@nebraska.gov>

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Would anyone with the health department have a few minutes to chat today? Or anything you can share via email is helpful too. I'm on a bit of a tight deadline, planning to file late this afternoon, so I'd love to connect as soon as possible.

I was curious what you believe is driving recent infection spikes, whether any cases/hospitalizations have been traced to the rally at this point, and if this is something you are watching / if this will be possible to track. Thank you so much for your time! You can reach me on my cell at 408-332-4960.

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