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Dear Mr. Siri:

This letter is in response to your four following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests consolidated under 22-00848:

*[IR#0692A] 22-00851 Documents reflecting all confirmed cases of a child 12 years of age through 15 years of age dying of COVID-19.*

*[IR#0691A] 22-00850 Documents reflecting all confirmed cases of a child 12 years of age through 15 years of age, without a pre-existing health condition, dying of COVID-19.*

*[IR#0690A] 22-00849 Documents reflecting all confirmed cases of a child 11 years of age or younger dying of COVID-19.*

*[IR#0689A] 22-00848 Documents reflecting all confirmed cases of a child 11 years of age or younger, without a pre-existing health condition, dying of COVID-19.*

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) responds as follows:

**[IR#0689A] 22-00848 Documents reflecting all confirmed cases of a child 11 years of age or younger, without a pre-existing health condition, dying of COVID-19.**

NCHS has not conducted the analyses requested and therefore cannot provide a data product. Pre-existing medical conditions should only be reported on a death certificate if they led to, or contributed to, a death. In the case of deaths from COVID-19, pre-existing conditions would only be reported if they led to, or contributed to, a death from COVID-19. NCHS does not have information on other, unrelated pre-existing medical conditions a decedent may have had, and therefore cannot provide a count of COVID-19-related deaths among individuals with no pre-existing conditions.

**[IR#0690A] 22-00849 Documents reflecting all confirmed cases of a child 11 years of age or younger dying of COVID-19.**

NCHS has not conducted the analyses requested for this age group and therefore cannot provide you with a data product. Per HHS FOIA regulations at 45 CFR 5.1(a)\* NCHS is not required to perform research, create new records, or perform analysis of existing records for FOIA requests. However, data users may do their own analyses by downloading NCHS public-use mortality files, which include all conditions and diseases reported on the certificate. Datasets are available at [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data\\_access/vitalstatsonline.htm#Mortality\\_Multiple](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data_access/vitalstatsonline.htm#Mortality_Multiple) and documentation is available at [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/mortality\\_public\\_use\\_data.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/mortality_public_use_data.htm). Data files for 2020 are currently available and data files for 2021 will be available in late 2022.

**[IR#0691A] 22-00850 Documents reflecting all confirmed cases of a child 12 years of age through 15 years of age, without a pre-existing health condition, dying of COVID-19.**

NCHS has not conducted the analyses requested and therefore cannot provide a data product. Pre-existing medical conditions should only be reported on a death certificate if they led to, or contributed to, a death. In the case of deaths from COVID-19, pre-existing conditions would only be reported if they led to, or contributed to, a death from COVID-19. NCHS does not have information on other, unrelated pre-existing medical conditions a decedent may have had, and therefore cannot provide a count of COVID-19-related deaths among individuals with no pre-existing conditions.

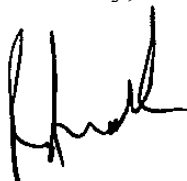
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You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6246 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration 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](mailto: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 to the Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, via the online portal at <https://requests.publiclink.hhs.gov/App/Index.aspx>. Please mark both your appeal letter and envelope "FOIA Appeal." Your appeal must be electronically transmitted by June 8, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Andoh', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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