



File: 292-30/HTH-2026-60216

June 15, 2026

Re: Request for Access to Records

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Health. Your request is for:

All records on closures of emergency departments and maternity wards at all BC facilities. Include the following columns for each facility/site where an emergency room closure occurred: Facility/Site name, Health authority, LHA Name, LHA ID, Address, Department closed (maternity, ER), Expected start date of closure, Expected start time of closure, End date of closure, End time of closure, Duration of closure.

(Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2025 To 12/31/2025)

These records are provided to you in their entirety. Your file is now closed.

Records may also be with the Health Authorities. Each organization processes their own requests under the Act. Please contact the privacy office of the Health Authority/Organization you believe holds custody and control of the records directly for further assistance.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of ten business days after release. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation

The records located in response to your request will be delivered through the BC Secure File Transfer Service. Separate emails will follow from the BC SFT Notification Service directing you how to set up an account and where to obtain your records. A guide for using the SFTS is available by clicking [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Sarah Cook, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778-978-2885. This number can also be reached toll-free at 1 833 283-8200. Please provide the FOI request number, HTH-2026-60216, in any communications.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

Sarah Cook
FOI Operations

Enclosure

How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) to review any decision, act, or failure to act regarding your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the OIPC.

In order to request a review with the OIPC please write to info@oipc.bc.ca or the address provided below:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria, BC V8W 9A4
Telephone: (250) 387-5629
Fax: (250) 387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

- A copy of your original request;
- A copy of the response from the public body; and
- The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.

The OIPC website has additional information and forms about submitting requests for reviews or complaints: <https://www.oipc.bc.ca/for-the-public/how-do-i-request-a-review/>