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Sent via email:

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 documents, emails, charts, graphs, models, scientific papers, studies, reports or any other means of communication or documentation produced, used or relied upon by the Office of Provincial Health Officer including the epidemiology department or that was used or relied upon by the Office of the Deputy Minister including the Population and the Public Health department (mailing address: Box 9646 STN PROV GOVT Victoria, BC V8W9P1), and the Public Health Prevention and Planning department (mailing address: Box 9646 STN PROV GOVT Victoria, BC V8W9P1) on the topic of the potential (considered) government measures to respond to COVID-19, from January 1 through May 31, 2020, on the topic of the potential (considered) and actual government measures to respond to COVID-19 that referred to or included information about the work of Imperial College London, especially the work of Dr. Neil Ferguson or that referred to or included information about the COVID-19 mitigation efforts undertaken in Taiwan, South Korea and Sweden.

Some information has been withheld pursuant to section(s) 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body), and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. Copies of these sections of FOIPPA are provided for your reference. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

https://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00

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Ministry of Citizens' Services   Information Access Operations   Mailing Address: Website:
PO Box 9569 Stn Prov Govt   www.gov.bc.ca/freedomofinformation
Victoria BC V8W 9K1   Telephone: 250 387-1321
Fax: 250 387-9843

Your file is now closed.

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 enclosed for your convenience.

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

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Nina MacKenzie, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 698-3137. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604 660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1 800 663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 778 698-3137.

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,

Nina MacKenzie

Nina MacKenzie, FOI Specialist
On behalf of Maxine Vanzetta, Manager
Health / Education Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosures

BC Government Secure File Transfer Service

Information Access Operations Ad-Hoc User Guide

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide the basics skills required to use the Secure File Transfer Service (SFTS) as a temporary user (also known as ad-hoc). Your account has limited functionality and can only be used to receive files from an authorized BC Government user.

How to Log on to the Service

As a temporary user of the SFTS, you must be invited to use this service by being a recipient of a sent package from an authorized user. The first time a BC Government user has sent a package to you, you will receive a welcome email notification with a temporary password to set up your account and a link to the service.

Note that your temporary account's username is your email address. The password is a temporary one and will need to be changed upon the first login.

Home Screen

Once you are successfully logged in, you will see the Home screen with your records package in your Inbox. To download your records, simply click on the records package and then click on the Download button beside the file(s). You will be able to download the package up to five times and all packages will expire 35 days after being received.

Troubleshooting

Your temporary SFTS account has an expiration timer of 7 days, unless the account is logged into again or receives a new package. After a further 7 days after your account has been marked as expired, it will be deleted. You will need to have a new ad-hoc account created by being re-invited to the service.

Passwords expire after 90 days. If you have forgotten your password, but your account is still active, you can use the "Request a password change" link on the Login page. An email will be sent to you providing you the URL to confirm the password change.

If you encounter technical issues with the service, please call the technical support line at 250-387-7000 and select option 3. You will need to advise the representative that you are requesting assistance as an ad-hoc user of the BC Secure File Transfer Service.

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 to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

> 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:

1. A copy of your original request;

2. A copy of our response; and

3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.