

Saturday, May 23, 2020

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
Attn: FOIA Coordinator  
P.O. Box 30195  
Lansing, MI 48909

**IE: Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear Director Gordon,

Under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act § 15.231 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to obtain copies of public records regarding the following:

1. From March 11, 2020 to May 23, 2020, the number of patients or residents who reside, or have resided in, or receive care, or have received care, from a nursing home, an adult foster care facility, and/or a long-term care facility (also referred to as health care facilities, residential care facilities, or congregate care facilities) that were administered a COVID-19 test on:
  - a) a county-by-county basis; and
  - b) a facility-by-facility basis.
2. For the tests performed in question one, between March 11, 2020 and May 23, 2020, the daily total for the number of COVID-19 tests performed on:
  - a) a county-by-county basis; and
  - b) a facility-by-facility basis.
3. From March 11, 2020 to May 23, 2020, the number of patients or residents who reside, or have resided in, or receive care, or have received care, from a nursing home, an adult foster care facility, and/or a long-term care facility (also referred to as health care facilities, residential care facilities, or congregate care facilities) that have tested positive for COVID-19 or were suspected of COVID-19 on:
  - a) a county-by-county basis; and
  - b) a facility-by-facility basis.
4. For the patients or residents in question three who tested positive for COVID-19 or were suspected of COVID-19, the date the patient was determined to have contracted COVID-19 or suspected to have contracted COVID-19 on:
  - a) a county-by-county basis; and
  - b) a facility-by-facility basis.
5. From March 11, 2020 to May 23, 2020, the number of patients or residents who reside, or have resided in, or receive care, or have received care, from a nursing home, an adult foster care facility, and/or a long-term care facility (also referred to as health care facilities, residential care facilities, or congregate care facilities) who were transferred to another facility, including but not limited to hospitals or urgent care centers on:
  - a) a county-by-county basis; and
  - b) a facility-by-facility basis.

6. From March 11, 2020 to May 23, 2020, the number of patients who were transferred from a health care facility, including but not limited to hospitals, to a nursing home, an adult foster care facility, and/or a long-term care facility (also referred to as health care facilities, residential care facilities, or congregate care facilities) after they received a COVID-19 positive test or were suspected COVID positive on:
  - a) a county-by-county basis; and
  - b) a facility-by-facility basis.
7. From March 11, 2020 to May 23, 2020, the number of patients or residents who reside, or have resided in, or receive care, or have received care, from a nursing home, an adult foster care facility, and/or a long-term care facility (also referred to as health care facilities, residential care facilities, or congregate care facilities) that passed away at the facility and the cause of death on their death certificate is or was anything related to COVID-19 on:
  - a) a county-by-county basis; and
  - b) a facility-by-facility basis.
8. For the patients or residents in question seven who passed away at the facility and the cause of death on their death certificate is or was anything related to COVID-19, the date the patient passed away on:
  - a) a county-by-county basis; and
  - b) a facility-by-facility basis.
9. From March 11, 2020 to May 23, 2020, the number of patients or residents who reside, or have resided in, or receive care, or have received care, from a nursing home, an adult foster care facility, and/or a long-term care facility (also referred to as health care facilities, residential care facilities, or congregate care facilities) that were transferred to another facility, including but not limited to hospitals, who passed away and the cause of death on their death certificate is or was anything related to COVID-19 on:
  - a) a county-by-county basis; and
  - b) a facility-by-facility basis.
10. For the patients or residents in nine who passed away at a health care facility, including but not limited to a hospital, who passed away and the cause of death on their death certificate is or was anything related to COVID, the date the patient passed away on:
  - a) a county-by-county basis; and
  - b) a facility-by-facility basis.
11. From the patients or residents in question five, how many patients were transferred to the temporary hospital constructed at the TCF Bank Arena or any other temporary hospital in Michigan.
12. From March 11, 2020 to May 23, 2020, for patients treated for COVID-19 or were suspected of COVID-19 at a health care facility, including but limited to a hospital, that were transferred to a nursing home, an adult foster care facility, and/or a long-term care facility (also referred to as health care facilities, residential care facilities, or congregate care facilities), the date on which the patient transferred on:
  - a) a county-by-county basis; and

- b) a facility-by-facility basis
13. For the patients in question 11, the number of patients that transferred to the temporary hospital constructed at the TCF Bank Arena or any other temporary hospital in Michigan:
- a) The date which the patient was transferred from the health care facility to the TCF Bank Center or other temporary hospital in Michigan;
  - b) The date which the patient was transferred or discharged from the TCF Bank Center or other temporary hospital in Michigan; and
  - c) After transfer or discharge from the TCF Bank Center or other temporary hospital, whether the patient was admitted into a nursing home, an adult foster care facility, and/or a long-term care facility (also referred to as health care facilities, residential care facilities, or congregate care facilities).
14. From March 11, 2020 to May 23, 2020, the number of COVID-19 tests that have been administered to the staff of nursing homes, adult foster care facilities, and/or long-term care facilities (also referred to health care facilities, residential care facilities, or congregate care facilities) on:
- a) a county-by-county basis; and
  - b) a facility-by-facility basis.
15. From March 11, 2020 to May 23, 2020, the number of staff who work in nursing homes, adult foster care facilities, and/or long-term care facilities (also referred to as health care facilities, residential care facilities, or congregate care facilities) that have tested positive for COVID-19 or have been suspected to have COVID-19 on:
- a) a county-by-county basis; and
  - b) a facility-by-facility basis.
16. For the tests performed in question 14, between March 11, 2020 and May 22, 2020, the daily total for the number of COVID-19 tests performed on:
- c) a county-by-county basis; and
  - d) a facility-by-facility basis.
17. For the staff in question 16 who tested positive for COVID-19 or were suspected of COVID-19, the date the staff was determined to have contracted COVID-19 or suspected to have contracted COVID-19 on:
- a) a county-by-county basis; and
  - b) a facility-by-facility basis.
18. From March 11, 2020 to May 23, 2020, the number staff at nursing homes, adult foster care facilities, and/or long-term care facilities (also referred to as health care facilities, residential care facilities, or congregate care facilities) who passed away and the cause of death on their death certificate is or was anything related to COVID-19 on:
- a) a county-by-county basis; and
  - b) a facility-by-facility basis.
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19. From February 1, 2020 to May 23, 2020, all written correspondence to or from any employee of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, including but not limited to Director Robert Gordon, in any way regarding the following Executive Orders:

- Executive Order No. 2020-07: Temporary restrictions on entry into health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and juvenile justice facilities;
- Executive Order No. 2020-37: Temporary restrictions on entry into health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and juvenile justice facilities;
- Executive Order No. 2020-50: Enhanced protections for residents and staff of long-term care facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Executive Order No. 2020-95: Enhanced protections for residents and staff of long-term care facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- Executive Order No. 2020-96: Temporary requirement to suspend certain activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life; and any of its predecessor orders.

20. From February 1, 2020 to May 23, 2020, all written correspondence to or from any employee of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, including but not limited to Director Robert Gordon, in any way regarding the topic of COVID-19 and nursing homes, adult foster care facilities, or long-term care facilities (also referred to as health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities).

I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the Governor's multiple executive orders related to nursing homes and adult long-term care facilities throughout the COVID-19 crisis. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Meghan Reckling". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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