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To: s 22
Subject: FW: New FOI request from s 47F s 22
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From: s 22

Sent: Thursday, 6 August 2020 9:33 PM

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Subject: RE: New FOI request s 22

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The case definition for a COVID-19 case is:

[https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/7A8654A8CB144F5FCA2584F8001F91E2/\\$File/COVID-19-SoNG-v3.6.pdf](https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/7A8654A8CB144F5FCA2584F8001F91E2/$File/COVID-19-SoNG-v3.6.pdf)

The case definition for a confirmed case requires:

A person who:

- i. tests positive to a validated specific SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test;
- OR
- ii. has the virus isolated in cell culture, with PCR confirmation using a validated method;
- OR
- iii. undergoes a seroconversion to or has a significant rise in SARS-CoV-2 neutralising or IgG antibody level (e.g. four-fold or greater rise in titre).¹

We are reporting on cases of COVID-19 via the following resources:

- Daily updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/coronavirus-covid-19-current-situation-and-case-numbers>
- Fortnightly CDI epi report: https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/novel_coronavirus_2019_ncov_weekly_epidemiology_reports_australia_2020.htm

National notification data on COVID-19 confirmed cases is collated in the NNDSS based on notifications made to state and territory health authorities under the provisions of their relevant public health legislation. Limited information on the method used to diagnose cases are reported in the dataset.

As the Department are custodians of these data, a request for the release of data from the NNDSS requires agreement from states and territories via the Communicable Diseases Network Australia, and depending on the sensitivity of the data sought and proposed use ethics approval may also be required. If you require further information regarding how to apply to access data from the NNDSS please contact the NNDSS Data Requests inbox (nndss.datarequests@health.gov.au).

To ensure accurate information to appropriately address the information sought as part of this request, it is recommended that state and territory health departments be contacted.

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Good morning s

I hope this email finds you well.

Could you please take a look at the below (and attached) FOI request. I'm just wondering if this request might be dealt with as per request s 22 (where you suggested they send an email request to CDNA to access NNDSS, noting that S & Ts will need to be consulted, and there might be ethical or other restrictions preventing data release) ?

Alternatively, should this request be referred directly to the S & Ts ?

Thanks in advance for your assistance with this

Kind regards,

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Good morning s

We have received the following new FOI request from s 47F who is seeking the following:

This is a request for documents under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request access to all information showing the total amount of people who have tested positive to the SARS-COV-2 virus, with the use of the Nucleic acid/PCR test. The statistics/documents are to be broken down into their respective states and territories, and be up to date as of the 5th of August 2020. Please note I am not referring to the percentage of total positive test results as this number is not reflective of the number of people that have been tested, but the total number of tests completed, as individuals can be tested multiple times. Please let me know who the decision maker would be for this new request?

Kind regards

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From: Google s 47F

Sent: Wednesday, 5 August 2020 10:19 PM

To: FOI <FOI@health.gov.au>

Subject: FOI Request [SEC=No Protective Marking]

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