



Justice

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Re: Your Access Request under The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act – Access Request # 2021-196

On May 10, 2021, Manitoba Justice received your request for access under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) for the following:

FIPPA # 2021-196 - *I am requesting all records documenting the number and nature of grievances related to COVID-19 submitted by prisoners and prison staff in your correctional institutions.*

Date Range: October 1, 2020 to December 20, 2020

One of the purposes of FIPPA is to allow any person a right to access records in custody or under the control of a public body, subject to limited and specific exceptions set out in the Act.

Please be advised that access is granted and the requested information is as follows:

Total number of greiveances filed: 73

- One greivance filed for all correctional centres alleging that the employer failed to properly protect staff by not providing full medical personal protective equipment (PPE) related to COVID-19
- 72 individual grievances filed regarding the need for staff to utilize sick leave, vacation leave, banked overtime, compensatory leave, or go without pay during an enforced 14 day isolation period following possible exposure to COVID-19

Subsection 59(1) of FIPPA provides that you may make a complaint about our decision respecting your request for access to the Manitoba Ombudsman. You have 60 days from the receipt of this letter to make a complaint on the prescribed form to the Manitoba Ombudsman, at 750-500 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 3X1. Telephone (204) 982-9130 or toll-free at 1-800-665-0531.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Carol Harrison, FIPPA Coordinator at (204) 945-2984 or by mail at 1110-405 Broadway, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 3L6.

Yours truly,

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A/Associate Deputy Minister and
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c. C. Harrison, FIPPA Access and Privacy Coordinator