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**FOI Request A2020-00075**

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 6:24 AM

Dear Mr. Haubrich,

I am replying to your access request made under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act)*, for the following information:

Please provide documentation on the number of cancelled or postponed surgeries, health procedures and consultations due to COVID-19. Please be sure to provide any other documentation related to the impact on health care waiting lists due to COVID-19 (and postponed/cancelled health procedures/ surgeries/ consultations, etc.)

A search was conducted in Ontario Health on behalf of the Ministry's Hospitals and Capital Division and no records were located in response to this request. Mike Heenan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Hospitals and Capital Division is responsible for this decision.

Please be advised that it is not possible to accurately calculate the number of surgeries postponed due to COVID for various reasons. For example, if the pandemic hit after a patient was told they would need surgery, but before a surgery was formally scheduled into the system, it would not be captured as a delay or cancellation. However, the patient would have been informed that the surgery was delayed. The Ontario Wait Time Information System is only able to capture data of surgeries that occurred.

The cost for the search in accordance to Regulation 460 are minimal and have been waived under section 57(4) of *the Act*.

You may request a review of this decision by the Information and Privacy Commissioner [2 Bloor Street East, Suite 1400, Toronto ON M4W 1A8](#). Please note that you have 30 days from the date of this letter to request a review. In the event that you do seek a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. The request file number: A-2020-00075 / MS
2. A copy of this decision letter.

3. A copy of your original request.
4. A cheque or money order in the amount of \$25.00 payable to the Minister of Finance.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (647) 203-5431.

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