

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Atlanta GA 30333 July 29, 2022

Zachary Stieber Reporter The Epoch Times 229 W 28th St, Fl 7 New York City, NY 10001 Via email: zack.stieber@epochtimes.nyc

Dear Stieber:

This letter is in response to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of July 5, 2022, in which you stated the following:

Please provide all preliminary, interim, draft, and finalized reports from the VAERS Myopericarditis abstraction team from 04/02/2021 to 10/02/2021

The National Center for Emerging Zoonotic Infectious Diseases performed a search of our records that failed to reveal any documents pertaining to your request. The program reports that during the period specified, no abstractions were performed for myocarditis: an association between myocarditis and mRNA COVID-19 vaccination was not known at that time. Likewise, we have no reports during that period.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6246 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal to the Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, via the online portal at <u>https://requests.publiclink.hhs.gov/App/Index.aspx</u>. Please mark both your appeal letter and envelope "FOIA Appeal." Your appeal must be electronically transmitted by October 27, 2022.

Sincerely,

Roger Andoh CDC/ATSDR FOIA Officer Office of the Chief Operating Officer (770) 488-6399

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