



Hon. Governor Brian P. Kemp
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Sent via email to the records custodian

Commissioner Timothy C. Ward
Georgia Department of Corrections
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Via Email

Re: open records request

April 29, 2020

Dear Governor Kemp and Commissioner Ward,

On behalf of the ACLU of Georgia under the Georgia Open Records Act (O.C.G.A. §50-18-70 et seq.) I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of the following records:

1. All records in the custody of the Governor's office or the Georgia Department of Corrections estimating or predicting COVID-19 infection rates and mortality among people living and working in Georgia Department of Corrections facilities.
2. All records in the custody of the Governor's office or the Georgia Department of Corrections regarding the risk of spreading COVID to the communities surrounding Georgia Department of Corrections facilities via movement of staff and incarcerated people in and out of those facilities.
3. All records in the custody of the Governor's office or the Georgia Department of Corrections discussing or recommending any actions the Governor or the Georgia Department of Corrections might take to address the risk of COVID-19 for people living and working in Georgia Department of Corrections facilities and the likely outcomes of those actions.

4. All records in the custody of the Governor's office or the Georgia Department of Corrections regarding confirmed COVID-related infections and COVID-related deaths among people living and working in Georgia Department of Corrections facilities.
5. All records in the custody of the Governor's office or the Georgia Department of Corrections related to the race and ethnicity of individuals who have confirmed COVID-related infections and COVID-related deaths among people living and working in Georgia Department of Corrections facilities.
6. All records in the custody of the Governor's office or the Georgia Department of Corrections related to the race and ethnicity of individuals who have been tested for COVID-19 among people living and working in Georgia Department of Corrections facilities.
7. All records in the custody of the Governor's office or the Georgia Department of Corrections related to COVID-related complaints or grievances made by people incarcerated or detained in Georgia Department of Corrections facilities, including grievances discussing access to hygiene, protective equipment, or other risks of exposure to COVID within Georgia Department of Corrections facilities.
8. All records in the custody of the Governor's office or the Georgia Department of Corrections related to COVID-related communications or complaints between or among Georgia Department of Corrections facility supervisors and their staff regarding staff access to hygiene, protective equipment, or other risks of exposure to COVID within Georgia Department of Corrections facilities.
9. All records in the custody of the Governor or Georgia Department of Corrections, preceding the outbreak of COVID-19, that evaluated possible outcomes or recommended actions in the event of a potential infectious disease outbreak within Georgia Department of Corrections facilities.
10. All records in the custody of the Governor's office that identify the model(s) or algorithm(s) upon which the Governor has relied upon from January 1, 2020, through the time of the response to this request, to estimate or predict COVID-19 infection rates and likely mortality throughout the state.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the total cost will exceed \$100. Based upon a fuller description of the available records, I may elect to designate only certain records for copying and production.

I 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 Georgia's response to COVID-19. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

As per the Georgia Open Records Request Act, a response is required within three (3) business days. If you expect a significant delay in responding to or in fulfilling this request, please contact the below email address with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If your office does not maintain these public records, please inform us of the proper record custodian's name, address, and email. To the extent that your office claims the right to withhold any record, or portion of any record, please describe each and every record or portion of record that is being withheld and the claimed reason for exemption, citing the exact language of the Open Records Act on which you rely and the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

We ask that any questions, responses or records produced please be directed to this email address: COVID_records_request@aclu.org

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



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