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Department of Health
P. O. Box 360
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Re: Public Records Related to Ebola virus disease (EVD)

Dear Records Custodian:

This is a request for information pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, *N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.*, and the common law right of citizens of the state to obtain access to public documents. *South Jersey Publishing Co. v. New Jersey Expressway Auth.*, 124 N.J. 478, 487-89 (1991). Please note that this letter contains the statutory requirements for a written OPRA request and I am not required to fill out an official form. *Renna v. County of Union*, 407 N.J. Super. 230 (App. Div. 2009).


Please provide me with the following documents:

- 1. Policies or regulations authorizing quarantine or isolation related to Ebola virus disease (EVD).**
- 2. Policies, regulations or protocols addressing quarantine, isolation or testing related to Ebola virus disease (EVD).**
- 3. Medical or scientific studies, reports or other documents relied upon in developing regulations, policies or protocols related to Ebola virus disease (EVD).**

If you determine that any portion of the requested materials are exempt from release, please redact only that which you believe is exempt and provide the remaining, non-exempt portions. *See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g)*. Also, please send us the required index detailing the specific exemptions that justify each redaction or withheld document. *See Paff v. NJ. Dep't of Labor*, 392 N.J. Super. 334, 341 (App. Div. 2007).

Given the tremendous public interest in these issues, I ask that you prioritize this request and provide the documents as soon as possible. I ask that you send these records to me as PDF files by e-mail, which ordinarily are free pursuant to OPRA. *See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(b)*. If you are unable to do so, and the cost of copies for this request does not exceed \$25, proceed without further approval and send me an invoice with the records. Otherwise, please advise me of the costs beforehand so that we can discuss arrangements.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 973-854-1714 or at ashalom@aclu-nj.org.

Sincerely,

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