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Mr. Vince Espi  
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Dear Mr. Espi:

On September 28, 2021, District 47 received your request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (the "Act") (5 ILCS 140/et seq.) for the following records:

1. All data of any faculty or student with:
  - a. COVID-19 positive test results,
  - b. COVID-19 like symptoms, or
  - c. Close contacts to a confirmed COVID-19 case that were reported to the local health department over the previous seven days" (September 21, 2021 – September 26, 2021) (hereinafter, your "**Data Request**").
2. All details that were provided to the local health department.

The requested records are exempt from disclosure pursuant to the following exemptions in the Act:

- 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(a) – Information specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations implementing federal or State law.
- 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b) – Private information, as defined by Section 2 of the Act, which includes unique identifiers, social security numbers, driver's license numbers, biometric identifiers, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers and addresses.
- 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) – Personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.
- 5 ILCS 140/7.5(q) – Information prohibited from being disclosed by the Personnel Records Review Act.
- 5 ILCS 140/7.5(r) – Information prohibited from being disclosed by the Illinois School Student Records Act.

To the extent that your requests have been denied in whole or in part, you may seek review of the District's response by the Illinois Attorney General – Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, 217-558-0486 [[publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us)]. You may also appeal this decision by filing suit for injunctive relief in the circuit court.

Sincerely,

Clare F. Bourne  
Freedom of Information Officer  
Crystal Lake School District 47

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From: **Vince Espi** <[news@news.locallabs.com](mailto:news@news.locallabs.com)>

Date: Tue, Sep 28, 2021 at 12:41 PM

Subject: FOIA Request - COVID-19 Protocol

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you on behalf of LocalLabs which is an online publication that reports on and informs the public about local government activities. If you are not the FOIA officer please forward it to the FOIA officer or reply to this email with the correct FOIA contact.

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting electronic records of the following:

- All data of any faculty or student with (a) COVID-19 positive test results, (b) COVID-19 like symptoms or (c) close contacts to a confirmed COVID-19 case that were reported to the local health department over the previous seven days.
- Please provide all details that were provided to the local health department.

The purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information as a matter of public interest and is not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit. I qualify as media under the definition in Section 2 (c-10) ("Commercial purpose"), Section 2 (f) ("News media"), Section 2 (g) ("Recurrent requester"), and Section 2 (h) ("Voluminous request") of the Freedom of Information Act, for the purposes of being exempt to the provisions of Section 3.1 (Requests for commercial purposes), Section 3.2 (Recurrent requesters), Section 3.6 (Voluminous requests), and Section 6 (Authority to charge fees). Therefore, I request you furnish any responsive documents and items without charge.



Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance. Please let me know if you have questions.

Vince Espi

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