



The Illinois Department of Corrections

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Re: Freedom of Information Request #200706042

This letter is in response to your request to the Illinois Department of Corrections ("IDOC") pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1, et seq.

You have submitted the following request:

Documents sufficient to show, or from which can be derived, the data related to inmate health care from 2000-2020. At a minimum, this data should include:

1. aggregate number requests from inmates by facility and year to see:
 - a. medical doctors
 - b. mental health specialists
 - c. counselors
2. aggregate number of times by facility and year that inmates are able to see:
 - a. medical doctors
 - b. mental health specialists
 - c. counselors
3. aggregate number of times inmates are hospitalized by cause, facility and year.

Response: Your request, as currently written, is burdensome (5 ILCS 170/3(g)). You are seeking 20 years of records that are not centrally located. Health care staff would have to search for and compile these records at a time when those employees' main duty concerns the health care of inmates during the COVID-19 pandemic. Attempting to comply with this request would unduly burden health care staff and take away from the time they can spend on their daily duties. Please significantly narrow the time frame of your request so that IDOC may better process it.

Mission: To serve justice in Illinois and increase public safety by promoting positive change in offender behavior, operating successful reentry programs, and reducing victimization.

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In the event you view this response as a denial of your request, you have a right to have the denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your request for review with the PAC to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the state circuit court, pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you choose to file a request for review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial letter (5 ILCS 140/9.5(a)). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a request for review with the PAC.

Sincerely,
Lisa Weitekamp
Freedom of Information Officer