



December 14, 2020

Re: DSHS Reference Nos. 10021, 10022

Dear Hospital Administrator:

As discussed in the provided notice, DSHS has received two requests for data concerning (1) supplies and shortages of specific PPE at various hospitals and (2) staffing shortages at various hospitals. DSHS obtained the data at issue from facilities, including your facility. DSHS has not yet released the data.

DSHS has provided an example of the types of data at issue in the request. We recommend that you review the example and determine if you wish to withhold the data at issue. If you do wish to withhold the information, you must notify the Open Records Division of the Texas Attorney General that you want the information withheld and provide the reasons to withhold the information. We recommend that you discuss the request with your legal counsel if you seek to withhold information.

Unfortunately, due to the sheer number of affected entities, DSHS will not be able to provide individualized information about specific facilities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Miles".

Jonathan Miles

Open Records Attorney