**Public Records Request**

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Yanjia Zhang, a postdoc at BU school of Public Health. We are working on a project with the wastewater data and covid surveillance data in MA. The main objective is trying to develop some methods to link these two data, estimate the actual cases, and compare to the reported cases. We believe that the counts of confirmed cases are underestimated because of the large number of unreported cases, such as people who asymptomatic and/or do at home tests. While the test surveillance could not capture these unreported cases, wastewater could reflect the actual situation of the outbreak.

The wastewater plants data we have cover three counties, Middlesex, Suffolk, and Norfolk. The issue is only partial of towns in these counties are covered, so we wand to count the daily cases by town to better match the wastewater data.

The request town level of the Covid daily new cases data is better to include the following:

1. Date
2. Town name
3. County name
4. Counts of test cases
5. Counts of confirmed cases (on the day of test date)
6. Counts of reported cases on the day
7. Counts of deaths (related to covid)

If you believe any of the above requests are ambiguous, overly broad, or insufficiently specific for you to identify the records requested, please do not hesitate to contact us to explain how you organize and access that category of record so that we can try to revise the request with more specificity. If any records are withheld or redacted, please let us know. If some records become available sooner than others, please deliver them as they become ready rather than waiting for all records to become available. We would like to respect your time and resources by making this request as understandable and easy to comply with as possible.

Please also indicate the appropriate way to deliver the data. It would be perfect if records could be delivered as a spreadsheet by email.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request, and please don’t hesitate to contact us with cost, questions, or updates.

Sincerely,

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