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[sent via email]

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Dear Mr. Espi:

Please consider this our response to your attached Freedom of Information Act request, received via email on November 5, 2020 and summarized below:

*Data with the following data points for every death classified by the county as by or with COVID:*

- *Age and sex of deceased*
- *List of comorbidities, or other concurrent diseases and medical conditions for each of the deceased*
- *List of other contributing factors in death, as discerned by the medical examiner or coroner*
- *Location of death; if at a nursing home or hospital, please be specific, including name and address.*
- *Actual date of death*
- *Date when county or state authority deemed this death as "by or with COVID"*

*Additionally, I am requesting the total number of recorded year to date deaths by county with standard breaks by age and cause of death.*

Please find attached records responsive to your request.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Rollie Hawk  
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Enclosure

Cc: Daniel Klingemann, State's Attorney  
Lance Meisenheimer, County Clerk  
Phil Hileman, Coroner

**From:** Vince Espi <news+-M0PyeN9eSW-0LRQeePi2w@news.locallabs.com>

**Date:** November 5, 2020 at 11:41:36 AM CST

**To:** Lance Meisenheimer <lmeisenheimer@unioncountyiil.gov>

**Subject: FOIA Request - COVID-19 County Data**

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 (preferably non-PDF such as CSV, Excel) of the following:

Data with the following data points for every death classified by the county as by or with COVID:

- Age and sex of deceased
- List of comorbidities, or other concurrent diseases and medical conditions for each of the deceased
- List of other contributing factors in death, as discerned by the medical examiner or coroner
- Location of death; if at a nursing home or hospital, please be specific, including name and address.
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Additionally, I am requesting the total number of recorded year to date deaths by county with standard breaks by age and cause of death.

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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Column1	Column2	Column3	Column4	Column5	Column6	Column7
<b>COVID deaths</b>						
<b>age</b>	<b>sex</b>	<b>comorbidities</b>	<b>other contributing factors</b>	<b>location of death</b>	<b>date of death</b>	<b>date deemed COVID</b>
86	male	none given	none given	Union County Hospital	5/3/2020	5/8/2020
56	female	sudden cardiac event, COPD, acute respiratory distress	covid 19	Union County Hospital	5/19/2020	5/22/2020
81	male	alzheimers disease	type 2 diabetes, covid 19	Integrity Healthcare-Cobden	6/5/2020	6/8/2020
90	female	alzheimers disease	atrial fibrillation, osteoporosis, covid 19, anemia	Integrity Healthcare-Anna	6/13/2020	6/16/2020
74	female	hypoxic respiratory failure	intellectual disability	Union County Hospital	6/26/2020	6/26/2020
90	female	respiratory failure, CHF	none given	Union County Hospital	7/12/2020	7/14/2020
73	female	acute respiratory failure	none given	Mulberry Manor	8/1/2020	8/3/2020
75	male	none given	none given	Union County Hospital	5/26/2020	5/26/2020