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Good afternoon Ms. Huenke,

On behalf of Rena Sleight, this email responds to your Public Record Act request below for the following:

“The April 21 edition of The Leader referenced “the first coronavirus death” at Jefferson Healthcare.

Had the decedent received a Covid-19 vaccine? If so, what was the general timeframe of the injection(s)?”

The information you are requesting is considered to be individually identifiable information relating to the past health status of an individual and not a Public Record as defined by RCW 42.56. Health information such as whether a patient “the first coronavirus death at Jefferson Healthcare” received a Covid 19 vaccine is protected health information because the individual could be identified from the information and is protected under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) patient privacy laws.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can assist you further.

Best regards,

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