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Via Email

September 30, 2022

Allison R. Lucas, Esq SIRI - Gilmstad 501 Congress Avenue, Suite 150-343 Austin, TX. 78701

RE: Public Records Request dated September 20, 2022

Dear Attorney Lucas,

I write in response to your public records request dated September 20, 2022 which seeks the following:

Copies of all communications that reference Quinsigamond Community College's testing and/or masking policy for students with a religious exemption to the school's COVID-19 vaccine mandate from June 1, 2022 to September 20, 2022 and that also includes the name or email address of any of the following individuals on the "from", "to", "cc", "bcc" line:

Dr. Luis G. Pedraja Alex Zequeira Jennifer Davis Carey Juan A. Gomez Eric Goodwine James M. Keane Geraldine Herlihy Linda A. Cavaioli Mariyam Basim Bhatti Collin McGuiness Linda Maykel

The Massachusetts Public Records Law (M.G.L. Chapter 66 & Chapter 4, Section 7(26)) provides that every person has a right to access public information. This right of access includes the right to inspect or be furnished a copy of any public record within ten (10) <u>business</u> days following the receipt of a request. A state agency is only required to provide records that are in existence and is not required to create a new record based on information in its custody to accommodate a specific request.

As the College understands your request, we do not have responsive records. Specifically, the College does not have "a testing and masking policy for students with a religious exemption to the school's COVID-19 vaccine mandate." Rather we have a COVID-19 student vaccine policy that can be found on our website (www.qcc.edu/services/health-wellness/covid-19-info/student-vaccine-policy) which requires written proof of full vaccination status or of an approved reasonable accommodation for students who seek to take in-person courses and/or who are accessing campus.



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We have responded to the request to the best of our ability. For future public records requests, if any, we suggest using our online form, www.qcc.edu/public-records.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may file a petition with the Supervisor of Records, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Public Records Division, McCormack Building, One Ashburton Place, Room 1719, Boston, MA 02108. You may also seek judicial review by filing a civil action in Suffolk Superior Court.

Sincerely,

Karen Hutner

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Director of Strategic Communications and Public Relations/Records Access Officer

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