



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

February 7, 2024

Dear Alexander Riccio,

This is a response to your request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law received on October 18, 2021, for the following records:

Pursuant to the New York Freedom of Information Law, I hereby request the following records: Records relating to the total number of restaurants inspected for compliance with state pandemic air filtration and ventilating guidance. Records relating to the total number of inspected restaurants that have installed MERV 13 filters. Records relating to the total number of inspected restaurants that have installed portable filtration or UVGI instead of MERV 13 filters. Records relating to the total number of inspected restaurants that were operating the installed filtration or UVGI systems when inspected. Records relating to the total number of inspected restaurants that have other mitigation measures in place, when MERV 13 filtration, UVGI, and portable filtration, was not in place. Records relating to the number restaurants that have been found to be or are currently out of compliance with air filtration and ventilating guidance.

On October 20, 2023, the Mayor's Office provided records responsive to your request under FOIL. On October 21, 2023, you appealed on the basis that the records were improperly withheld, that the data lacks description or correct formatting, and that the records were improperly redacted; and the Records Appeals Officer remanded the request to the Records Access Officer to provide additional records. The Mayor's Office has located additional records responsive to your appeal, which we are producing in an attached Excel spreadsheet. Please note that some records have been redacted pursuant to Public Officers Law §87(2)(b) and (g).

You may seek judicial review of this response pursuant to CPLR Article 78.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey Lowell".

Jeffrey Lowell
Records Access Officer