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Good afternoon Mike,

Based on our records, it looks like a response to the attached request was not previously sent – I apologize for the delay.

Your request was forwarded to staff in relevant program areas of the agency. Staff noted that data reported by hospitals and/or nursing homes regarding vaccination status is held by the CDC. The CDC makes data regarding nursing homes available on their website: [Nursing Home COVID-19 Vaccination Data Dashboard | NHSN | CDC](#). For other data reported to CDC by health care facilities, you would need to make a FOIA request to CDC.

What MDH can provide you with is the attached data collected as part of MDH’s healthcare worker (“HCW”) monitoring program. Program area staff explained that these data are collected as part of MDH’s healthcare worker monitoring program. As part of this program, staff interview HCWs who have recognized exposure to COVID-19 under certain circumstances. As part of the interview, staff ask HCWs if they are vaccinated for COVID-19. Since late August 2021, HCWs who are not vaccinated at the time of interview have been asked why they have not been vaccinated. The collected responses are the responses in the [attached] spreadsheet. These data only reflect a small proportion of HCWs who aren’t vaccinated against COVID-19 in Minnesota (*i.e.*, [who] had a recognized exposure to COVID-19 since late August that was reported to MDH and completed an interview with our team).

Thank you for your request, and for your patience.
MDH Data Practices Team