

**December 14, 2021**

**Commissioner to release findings of exploratory research into the impact of COVID-19 on BC's access to information system**

**VICTORIA**—On Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 9:30am, Information and Privacy Commissioner Michael McEvoy will release a report that examines the impact of the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic on BC's access to information system.

OIPC researchers interviewed select public bodies that received a higher volume of requests during the year, to give the public a sense of how the access to information system generally performed under the pressures of the first year of the pandemic.

*Special Report 21-03 The Impact of COVID-19 on Access to Information* will be available for download from the OIPC website at <https://www.oipc.bc.ca/reports/investigation-and-audit-reports/>

A news release will be issued summarizing the report.

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