

WAC 246-490-020 Requesting vital records information without personal identifiers. (1) If you request vital records information without personal identifiers for research purposes or statistical study or if the state registrar determines that your research or statistical study does not require the use of personal identifiers, you will receive the vital records information in a format specified by the department.

(2) You may be required to sign an agreement requiring you to:

(a) Not release the vital records data files or listings to any third party without prior written approval of the state registrar; and

(b) Pay for charges based on actual costs associated with the preparation of the data files or analyses required to fulfill your request.

(3) If you are requesting birth or fetal death certificate confidential information without personal identifiers, you will be required to sign a written agreement, which includes:

(a) Conditions for the use of the birth or fetal death certificate data;

(b) Conditions for safeguarding the confidentiality of the records including limits on reporting results that may reveal personal identities;

(c) Appropriate citations for use in research reports or publications of research findings; and

(d) An estimate of the costs for preparing the analyses or copies of data files maintained by the state registrar.

(4) Your request may be denied if:

(a) The department does not have adequate resources with which to fulfill the request; or

(b) You do not agree to pay for charges associated with the preparation of the data or analyses required to fulfill your request.

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