

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 27, 2023

TO Honorable Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Data Sharing Request from Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS)**

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council, I am writing to inform you that we have recently received a request from Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) for data held with Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR).

DFR received a request from Dr. Philip Huang, MD, MPH, Director of DCHHS, who serves as the Public Health Authority for Dallas County and for the City of Dallas, requesting access to DFR's response data, including opioid data, for the purpose of Public Health surveillance and response efforts. We are working with our HIPAA Privacy Officer, HIPAA Security Officer, and the City Attorney's Office to comply with the request and ensure data is transferred in a secure and legally compliant manner.

The request from DCHHS is for the purposes of Public Health surveillance and response as a part of their efforts to combat the Opioid overdose epidemic.

Questions and requests for further information may be directed to Fire Chief Dominique Artis at (214) 670-7082 or [Dominique.artis@dallasfire.gov](mailto:Dominique.artis@dallasfire.gov).

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon Fortune".

Jon Fortune  
Deputy City Manager

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