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Good day,

Pursuant to the New York Freedom of Information Law (FOIL), I request **records sufficient to show** how the deaths referenced on **page 66 of the 2020 NYC Vital Statistics Summary** as “probable COVID-19 deaths” were ultimately classified.

The report indicates that **5,405 deaths** were initially counted in this category. Of these, **2,017 appear to have been incorporated into the finalized COVID-19 death totals under ICD-10 coding guidelines**, while the remaining **3,338 were classified as Other deaths**.

My minimum request for these **5,405 deaths**, is a spreadsheet with the following information:

- **Date of death**
- **Final underlying cause classification** (COVID-19 vs. Other)
- **Underlying cause ICD-10 code**, if available

An **aggregated table showing dates of death for these 5,405 deaths broken out by final classification (COVID-19 vs. Other)** would satisfy this request.

These records would allow the figures reported on page 66 of the **2020 Vital Statistics Summary** to be reconciled with the dates-of-death time series previously provided by the Department.

Please let me know if clarification would assist in locating responsive records.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Hockett