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Dear Marge and Deanne:

Thank you for your February 14, 2020, letter outlining the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society's concerns with accessing genealogical records in Saskatchewan. I apologize for the delay in responding; a major focus for our government and the health system these past few months has been addressing matters related the COVID-19 pandemic.

eHealth Saskatchewan is responsible for registering all health and vital event registration that occurs in the province as well as maintaining the genealogical records once they are no longer considered restricted. Access to genealogical copies of vital event records is governed by [The Vital Statistics Act](#) and [The Vital Statistics Regulations, 2010](#). I am informed that eHealth is providing access to records according to this legislation and is able to manually search for records when requested. Information about searches is available on the eHealth Saskatchewan website at www.ehealthsask.ca/residents/genealogy.

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I understand that eHealth officials have updated the current on-line genealogy index for birth and death records. While I appreciate that it may be frustrating that progress to provide additional online genealogy records has been slow, eHealth's priority remains health and vital event registration.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,



Jim Reiter
Minister of Health