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Mr I Stevenson

By email: [fyi-request-19020-c27908bc@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-19020-c27908bc@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Tēnā koe Mr I Stevenson

**Official information request regarding vaccine mandate at Victoria University of Wellington**

I refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) dated 31 March 2022 regarding vaccine mandates at Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington (the University).

Information relating to the implementation and discontinuation of the vaccine mandate at the University is currently, or will be soon available on the University's website at <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/covid-19/settings-and-mandates/vaccine-mandate>. Further information relating to the University's vaccine mandate will be posted here as it becomes available. A total of 378 staff and contractors and 1184 students not in halls of residence have informed the University of positive Covid status as of 28 April 2022.

Information relating to the vaccine mandate in halls of residence is available at <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/accommodation/halls/applying>. A total of 1239 cases have been recorded in halls of residence of which 13 are currently active as of 27 April 2022.

Information relating to the Ministry of Health's advice on COVID 19 vaccines is publicly available on their website at <https://www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>.

Information about COVID-19 vaccines approved for use in New Zealand, including vaccine ingredients, is publicly available at <https://www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccines-available-new-zealand>.

Information about individual staff members is withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act in order to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of officers and employees from improper pressure or harassment.

Legal advice relating to the University's vaccine mandate is withheld in accordance with s9(2)(h) of the Act in order to maintain legal professional privilege.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decisions made regarding this request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me at [oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz).

I apologise for the delay in providing this response to you and advise of your right to complain to the Ombudsman regarding this delay.

Ngā mihi nui

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