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Tēnā koe Harold

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 24 October 2021 for information relating to the COVID-19 Resurgence Plan. Please find a response to each part of your request below:

COVID-19 Health and Disability Sector Resurgence Planning Tool

Information on the Ministry's COVID-19 Health and Disability System Response plan is available on the Ministry's website here: www.health.govt.nz/publication/covid-19-health-and-disability-system-response-plan.

Supporting Pacific Health COVID-19 Resurgence Plan

The Ministry's Supporting Pacific Health COVID-19 Resurgence Plan is currently under active consideration and as such is withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protects the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministry officials. I have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

These three Case Investigation and Contact Tracing SOPs identified on p.27 of the Manatū Hauora COVID-19 Resurgence Plan:

- 1) *NITC National Contact Tracing National Operating Framework*
- 2) *Rapid Case Investigation Protocol*
- 3) *Case Investigation Protocol*

The documents that you have requested are recorded under alternative titles to those you have requested. Please find listed and attached in Appendix 1 copies of the quality framework used for case investigation (Document One), case investigation checklist (Document Two), community case interview form (Document Three) which may be useful to your request. These documents provide an overview of the information covered in the Case Investigation process which may be of interest.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā

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Dom Harris
**Manager, Office of the Deputy Chief Executive
COVID-19 Health System Response**

Appendix 1: Documents for release

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	-	NCTS Case Investigation Checklist	Released in full
2	21 October 2021	COVID Community Case Interview form	
3	August 2020	National Investigation and Tracing Centre: Investigation of a COVID-19 Case: Quality Framework	