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Tēnā koe Erika

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 25 August 2021 for information about the Pfizer vaccine (including vaccine status of positive cases). I will respond to each part of your request in turn.

1. I would like to see the Pfizer vaccination status of current covid-19 cases. This page does not have the vaccination status.
<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics/covid-19-current-cases>

Please find data regarding the vaccination status of the current COVID-19 cases in New Zealand below. Any further information regarding current cases vaccination or hospitalisation status is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act (the Act) to protect the privacy of natural persons.

As at 19 September 2021 (and since the beginning of the current outbreak):

Vaccination status when reported as a case	Number of cases	Percentage of cases
Not eligible for vaccine due to being less than 12 years old	224	21.30%
No doses received prior to being reported as a case	647	61.60%
1 dose only, received less than 14 days before reported as a case	74	7%
1 dose only, received at least 14 days before reported as a case	57	5.40%
Fully vaccinated but second dose less than 14 days before reported as a case	17	1.60%
Fully vaccinated at least 14 days before reported as a case	31	3%
Total	1050	100%

2. I would also like to see the clinical trial summary of the Pfizer vaccine with the "delta variant". As you know the vaccine trial data is from 2020 and the delta variant outbreaks have been in 2021.

As you acknowledge, at the time the Pfizer vaccine was approved by Medsafe, the delta variant had not emerged. Therefore, clinical trials against this variant were not required for approval of the vaccine. Medsafe continue to monitor real-world data from vaccination programmes across the world to ensure the continued safety and efficacy of the vaccine, as described here: www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-clinical-trials-and-testing#participants. The monitoring of real-world data does not require the submission of clinical trial summaries from Pfizer, unless specifically requested by Medsafe / the Ministry.

Further information about the vaccine, including ongoing clinical trials can be found on the Ministry's website here: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-clinical-trials-and-testing#participants> and in the vaccine's data sheet here: www.medsafe.govt.nz/profs/Datasheet/c/comirnatyinj.pdf.

I trust this information fulfils your request. 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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