



**NORTHLAND DISTRICT
HEALTH BOARD**

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Paul Jones

Email: <fyi-request-17279-77acc681@requests.fyi.org.nz>

Dear Paul,

Re: Official Information Act request – Covid 19 Hospitalisation treatment statistics

I refer to your Official Information Act request to the Ministry of Health of 20 October 2021 seeking the following information and transferred 3 November to Auckland DHB for a response:

At the following URL it lists the total number of Covid 19 cases and Hospitalisations.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics/covid-19-case-demographics>

At the time of this writing there have been a total of 321 people hospitalised and 41 in ICU.

For my reference this is out of a total of 5153 cases since first NZ case.

1) As ICU is a department of hospitals, of the 41 people in ICU is that total apart of the 321 people hospitalised or is that a combined total of 362 (41+321) people in hospital?

2) For all people who entered hospital (321 or 362) please provide a breakdown for the number of those cases who received the following Covid-19 treatments.

- i) Oxygen**
- ii) Remdesivir**
- iii) Tocilizumab**

I am responding on behalf of the Northern Region Health Coordination Centre (NRHCC), the COVID-19 response and vaccination team set up by the Northland, Waitematā, Auckland, and Counties Manukau DHBs.

Response

We are unable to provide a response within the normal timeframes due to our response to COVID-19, as our clinicians, managers and staff are concentrating on measures to manage the current COVID-19 Delta outbreak in the region.

Given these circumstances you will, therefore, understand that we do not currently have the capacity to respond with our normal timeliness to OIA requests and, depending on how the outbreak spreads, we may not have the capacity for some time to come.

It is therefore necessary to extend the time required to make a decision on your request for information in accordance with section 15A of the Official Information Act. This is because the information cannot reasonably be identified, collated or reviewed by the necessary people within 20 working days without unreasonably interfering with our operations. As such, we expect that a decision will be made on your request and communicated to you by 8 December (five working days from the due date of your request). However, we will endeavour to get the response to you as soon as possible within this timeframe, if possible.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive