



**NORTHLAND DISTRICT  
HEALTH BOARD**

*Te Pouri Hauora Ā Rohe O Te Tai Tokerau*



**Waitematā**  
District Health Board  
Best Care for Everyone



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James Graham

By email [fyi-request-17619-898eba62@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-17619-898eba62@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear James

**Re: EXTENSION LETTER - Official Information Act request: COVID-19 positivity rate by vaccination status in MIQ and in Auckland (ADHB Ref: 20211129-1105)**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request of 18 November 2021 to the Ministry of Health (MoH) and partial transfer (part 2 of your request) from the MoH to Auckland DHB on 29 November 2021 requesting the following information:

**2. Can you please provide the total number of tests, positive test results and the positivity rate for all COVID-19 tests taken from the three District Health Boards in the Auckland region for the same period (18 October 2021 - 17 November 2021) broken down by vaccination status? Please exclude any tests of returnees in MIQ or home isolation from these figures.**

### Response

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.

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.

**Also, please note that the OIA system is on hold nationally between 24 December 2021 and 17 January 2022.**

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.

We are therefore writing to notify you that we require an extension of the time and will be able to supply the information you requested by **Monday 31 January 2022**.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Dotchin". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "Margaret" and the last name "Dotchin" clearly legible. There is a small flourish at the end of the signature.

Margaret Dotchin  
**Acting Chief Executive**