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Tēnā koe Alan,

Your Official Information Act request, reference H2022007267:

Thank you for your email of 11 July 2022 requesting information relating to mask exemptions.

As part of the transformation of the health and disability system reforms, as of 1 July 2022 the functions previously under the Ministry of Health (Manatū Hauora)'s Border Operations and Managed Isolation and Quarantine team have now transferred to Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand. As the matters you have raised now fall under the functions of Te Whatu Ora, our agency will respond to your request which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You requested the following:

"please provide the number of personalised Covid mask exemptions issued from the end of May until the date of response."

Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand can advise that 21,339 unique people have applied for a Face Mask Exemption pass since the process opened on 30 May 2022 through to 12 July 2022.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. You are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ may decide to proactively release a copy of this response on Te Whatu Ora's website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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