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Tēnā koe Chris,

Your request for official information, reference: HN200067725

Thank you for your email of 7 October 2024, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please provide a machine readable dataset in csv/Excel format that shows the total number of people by age and gender that are unvaccinated with any COVID shot from 1 Jan 2020 through to the present day as at the end of each calendar month.

The columns of the dataset would be expected to include:

1) Date: Date at the end of the month with the earliest date being 31 Jan 2020. That is the first year of data will give a baseline of variation by month that subsequent years that included the vaccination programme can be compared to.

2) Age: Age from birth as at the end of the month. 0 is the age up to 364 days, 1 is from 1 year to 1 year and 364 days etc. The highest age category should be 100+^[1]_[SEP]

3) Gender: Male/Female/Unknown or Other

4) Number of People: Count of the population of people under the care/enrolled in the NZ public health system who are unvaccinated with any dose of any of the COVID vaccines. The number in this column will change based on the variation in the enrolled population, the aging of the unvaccinated each month, deaths, and by the number of people transferring into the "COVID vaccinated" group.

Once a query has been written for one month, it should be able to be rerun for each subsequent month on a programmed loop - minimising the effort involved. The code for this OIA has previously been written for a previous OIA by HealthNZ.

Cell obfuscation: a) Where a cell is <5 people please populate this with "<5" for confidentiality. b) True zero cells should be shown - or at least not included in the dataset and not marked as <5. Please state which method has been used.

Response

Data requested is attached as **Appendix One**. The data shows count of people not vaccinated with any COVID-19 vaccines administered across the country, broken down by age and gender, as a snapshot at each month-end between 1 January 2020 and 30 September 2024.

Counts fewer than six, denoted as '<6', have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect privacy of individuals. In making this decision, we have considered the public interest in release and determined that it does not outweigh the need to withhold on this occasion.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@tewhatuora.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to 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 proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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