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Tēnā koe John

### **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 – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 17 March 2026 for information regarding Covid-19 policy decisions. You requested:

*“I request copies of epidemiological modelling, scenario analyses, or projections that were provided to Ministers or Cabinet to support decisions relating to:*

- *COVID-19 lockdown measures*
- *vaccine mandates*
- *vaccination strategies.*

*The timeframe for this request is 1 March 2020 to 31 December 2022. If modelling was commissioned from external organisations or academic institutions, please include those reports.”*

Epidemiological modelling of COVID-19 cases, hospitalisations, and deaths is contained in some of the COVID-19 Trends and Insights Reports which are publicly available here: [www.health.govt.nz/information-releases/covid-19-trends-and-insights-reports-december-2021-september-2022](http://www.health.govt.nz/information-releases/covid-19-trends-and-insights-reports-december-2021-september-2022). No further information has been identified as within scope of your request.

Decisions regarding COVID-19 lockdown measures was the responsibility of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC). They may hold some information related to your query; they can be contacted at [info@dpmc.govt.nz](mailto:info@dpmc.govt.nz).

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: [oiagr@health.govt.nz](mailto:oiagr@health.govt.nz).

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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](mailto: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](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kristie Carter', is positioned above the printed name.

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