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Tēnā koe B

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00201858

Thank you for your email on 19 March 2026, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

I am interested in the changes made to the Immunisation Handbook made in March 2026.

Please supply all information leading to the changes made. This may include:

- scientific evidence and analysis*
- information supplied by vaccine manufacturers*
- financial analysis*
- briefings, presentations, notes*
- decision documentation*
- various other information*

Response

Health NZ has identified several documents within scope of your request. Please refer to **Appendix 1**, which sets out our decision on the release of these documents. The documents able to be released are attached as **Appendix 2**.

Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of individuals. Where we have withheld information under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, we have considered any countervailing public interests in the release of this information. We do not believe that the public interests outweigh the need to withhold in this instance.

Additionally, as we advised on 9 April 2026, we have transferred the 'decision documentation' part of your request to the Immunisation Advisory Centre at the University of Auckland (IMAC). This is because some of the information to which your request relates, namely any meeting minutes about changes to the Immunisation Handbook, is more closely connected to the functions of IMAC. In these circumstances, we are required by section 14 of the OIA to transfer your request. You should expect to hear from IMAC in due course. If you need to get in touch with IMAC, you can contact them at: legal@auckland.ac.nz.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@tewhatauora.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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sara Freitag', is written over a teal-colored name tag.

Sara Freitag

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Appendix 1

Date	Title	Decision on release
20 March 2026	Immunisation Handbook 2026 v1 COVID19 Chapter References	Released in full.
1 November 2025	New Zealand Data Sheet: Comirnaty® LP.8.1 COVID-19 mRNA vaccine, for age 6 months to 4 years (Version: pfdclpyi11125)	Released in full.
	New Zealand Data Sheet: Comirnaty® LP.8.1 COVID-19 mRNA vaccine, for age 5 to 11 years (Version: pfdclpbi11125)	Released in full.
	New Zealand Data Sheet: Comirnaty® LP.8.1 COVID-19 mRNA vaccine, (Version: pfdclpgi11125)	Released in full.
10 February 2026	NPHS sign-out sheet: Approval to publish the Immunisation Handbook 2026, version 1	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.
5 February 2026	Memo: Approval to publish the Immunisation Handbook 2026, version 1	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.