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Tēnā koe Chris

## Your request for official information, reference: HN200203894

Thank you for your email on 24 May 2026, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

*Under the Official Information Act 1982 I request three aggregated tables. This is the conceptual successor to RT-268 (HNZ00033452) and RT-611 (HNZ00052991), specified below so it can be actioned independently.*

### (A) DEATHS TABLE

*Long-format, one row per non-empty combination of:*

- Month of death — YYYY-MM
  - Age at death band — 0–20, 21–40, 41–60, 61–80, 81–100, 100+
  - Last COVID-19 dose number — 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (0 = no prior dose)
  - Days between last vaccination and death — 0–7, 8–14, 15–28, 29–60, 61–90, 91–180, 181–365, 366+, N/A (N/A where dose number = 0)
  - Sex — Male, Female, Another gender, Unknown
  - Ethnicity (prioritised, MoH standard) — Māori, Pacific peoples, Asian, European or Other, Unknown
  - Priority-group eligibility under which the last dose was administered — aged-care resident or staff; healthcare worker; severely immunocompromised (MoH definition); disability sector (Sequencing Framework Group 2); general population by age; other; unknown; N/A where dose=0
  - Underlying cause of death, ICD-10 chapter, with U07.1, U07.2, V01–X59 (accidents) and X60–X84 (intentional self-harm) on separate lines rather than pooled — chapters I (with U07.1, U07.2 split), II, IV, VI, IX, X, XIV, XVIII, XX (with V01–X59 and X60–X84 split), Other (any chapter not listed)
  - Count — integer; cells <6 reported as "<6"
- Temporal window: deaths from 2019-07 onwards through the most recent extract date.*

### (B) DENOMINATOR (VACCINATED PERSON-TIME) TABLE

*Long-format, one row per non-empty combination of:*

- Month — YYYY-MM
- Age band — as in (A)
- Sex — as in (A)
- Ethnicity — as in (A)
- Dose number of the most recent dose received as of any day in that month — 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
- Priority-group eligibility under which the most recent dose was administered — as in (A)
- Days since most recent dose — 0–7, 8–14, 15–28, 29–60, 61–90, 91–180, 181–365, 366+
- Person-days — integer; cells <6 reported as "<6"

*A person crossing a days-since-dose bin boundary mid-month splits person-time proportionally. A person receiving a new dose mid-month contributes the remaining days to the new dose number's 0–7 day bin.*

*Temporal window: vaccinations from 2020-12 onwards through the most recent extract date. If full person-time accounting is infeasible, end-of-month head-counts split into the same bins is an acceptable substitute.*

*(C) PRE-VACCINE BASELINE MORTALITY TABLE*

*Long-format, one row per non-empty combination of:*

- Year — 2015–2020 inclusive*
- Age band — as in (A)*
- Sex — as in (A)*
- Ethnicity — as in (A)*
- Underlying cause of death, ICD-10 chapter — same scheme as (A)*
- Count — integer; cells <6 reported as "<6"*

*Format: CSV or XLSX, UTF-8.*

*Suppression: <6 cell suppression as used in RT-268 and RT-611 is acceptable; please indicate which cells have been suppressed or rounded.*

## Response

Responding to parts A and C of your request would require Health NZ to link information across multiple databases and undertake analysis to create new information. The OIA does not require agencies to create new information in order to respond to a request. In addition, the sub-item in part B of your request relating to priority-group eligibility is not held by Health NZ.

Accordingly, these parts of your request are refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information is not held by Health NZ and we have no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act.

In response to the remaining sub-items in part B of your request, please find attached **Appendix 1**, which contains COVID-19 vaccination data. For notes, definitions and general information about the data please refer to the cover sheet of the appendix.

Counts fewer than six (shown as "<6") have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of individuals. We have considered the public interest in release and do not consider that it outweighs the need to withhold this information in this instance.

Additionally, you can find some information relevant to your request publicly available at:

- Mortality data web tool: <https://tewhatauora.shinyapps.io/mortality-web-tool/>
- Mortality information: <https://www.healthnz.govt.nz/about-us/health-data/data-sets-and-collections/mortality-data-and-statistics>
- Vaccination information: <https://www.healthnz.govt.nz/about-us/health-data/data-sets-and-collections/immunisation-data-and-statistics>

## How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at [h.nzOIA@tewhatauora.govt.nz](mailto:h.nzOIA@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](http://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 iiti noa, nā



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