

Hi Natalie,

As discussed please see the attachment showing the fields (all information removed).

We would send the report with the subject line **MEDICAL IN CONFIDENCE – Case Notifications Day Month 2020**. We have been sending the report on days when there has been new cases reported. We used to send all cases highlighting recovered cases in grey and active cases in green however decided a few weeks ago that we would only send active cases. My understanding of what the data was used for is to highlight areas where extra precaution (eg. PPE use etc) should be taken by emergency crew in terms of positive cases. I was not part of the intel team when this reporting was set up so unfortunately can't comment on the initial set up on the report - however the responses by some of the recipients do help clear up why they receive the data.

Since the leak there has been communication with the recipients of the data (I have copy and pasted all below for you to see).

The report has not been sent since the media leak. The last report was sent on 02 July.

Please let me know if there is anything further I can provide to assist the investigation.

The full distribution list was as below:

andy.swain@wfa.org.nz
gavin.travers@fireandemergency.nz
NorthComm.ASSD@stjohn.org.nz
Intel@wfa.org.nz
michelle@boagallansvg.co.nz
muir.wallace@srsi.org.nz
david@rescue.org.nz
katherine.townend@helicopters.net.nz
mike.hunter@otago.ac.nz
ken@thefranklin.co.nz,
Phu.requests@police.govt.nz
Covid19insights@police.govt.nz
nccc@police.govt.nz
Npf593@police.govt.nz

On 05/07 I received the below email from Steve Greally.

Kia ora Bex,

In light of the article in the NZ Herald today relating to the potential leaking of personal details, Police has considered its position in relation to being an appropriate addressee for this type of information. Police can confirm that it does not require this information in alert level one as these people are within either managed isolation or quarantine. As such, Police officers are not placed at unnecessary risk of exposure.

Accordingly, could you please remove the following addressees from your distribution list for emails containing personal details of COVID positive people:

1. Phu.requests@police.govt.nz
2. Covid19insights@police.govt.nz
3. nccc@police.govt.nz
4. Npf593@police.govt.nz

Please feel free to call and discuss if you have any questions.

Regards,

Steve

Superintendent Steve Greally

Police National Commander: Operation COVID
NZ Police

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E stephen.greally@police.govt.nz

I responded with the below.

Hi Stephen,

Thank you for advising this Stephen,

I have removed the 4 email addresses from the distribution list.

See below the list of emails remaining on the distribution list.

andy.swain@wfa.org.nz

gavin.travers@fireandemergency.nz

NorthComm.ASSD@stjohn.org.nz

Intel@wfa.org.nz

michelle@boagallansvg.co.nz

muir.wallace@srsi.org.nz

david@rescue.org.nz

katherine.townend@helicopters.net.nz

mike.hunter@otago.ac.nz

ken@thefranklin.co.nz,

If there are any other changes please let us know.

Thanks

Bex Joslin
Data Quality Analyst
Data Management
National Collections and Reporting
Ministry of Health

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I then sent the below email to the remain recipients on the list.

Good Afternoon,

We are currently reviewing the recipients of sensitive data.
Currently we have been sending data including active case's EpiSurv number, report date, name, address, sex, age, date of birth, DHB and isolation facility to this email address.

If you do continue to require this data please reply explaining what the data is being used for.

If you no longer require the data please let us know also and we can remove you from the email distribution list.

If you do not respond to this email we will also assume that you no longer require the information.

Any questions at all please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards,

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Ministry of Health

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I have received responses so far from Gavin Travers, Michelle Boag, Andy Swain, Katherine Townend, Glen Worthington (from wfa) and Ken Franklin.

Please see their responses below:

Gavin Travers

Hello Team,
I am the national manager communications and medical response for Fire and Emergency NZ. I am the sole recipient in our organisation which uses this data to record addresses in our CAD system for FENZ and NZ Police, to help protect our Frontline personnel. Both of our agencies use the same CAD system for managing incidents we respond to. The data you supply us is stored on a secure and password protected drive. No staff have access to this information and is undiscoverable for any OIA requests. Please contact me directly if you have any further information.

Regards
Gavin Travers

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Sent from my mobile, please excuse message brevity.

Michelle Boag

Kia ora Bex

I write in response to your email regarding whether our organisation, ARHT, needs to continue to receive the Covid19 data you have been sending daily. The data is sent on to

our two senior clinical leads – Dr Chris Denny, Medical Director, and Karl Taylor, our Chief Paramedic, on a daily basis.

The Covid19 patient data has been useful for us to receive, especially when in the past it has identified locations where community transmission is present. This information gives us a “heads up” in terms of our need to be prepared with PPE equipment and appropriate protocols for crew involved in missions where a potential Covid19 threat exists. Given current cases are confined to the border, we do not consider it essential for us to have data for those cases, but if Covid19 is present in communities then knowledge of that spread of infection does assist us with our risk analysis when conducting missions into those communities where there are potentially affected people.

In summary therefore:

1. If the data is confined to border cases only it is not necessary for us to receive it.
2. If there are outbreaks or clusters in the community we do need to receive the location data because of our need to be prepared.

In neither case do we need individual patient names, although the location data is essential for our protection from a potential Covid19 threat.

Kind regards

Michelle Boag

Acting CEO

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[I responded with the below](#)

Good Morning Michelle,

Thank you for your clear response. I have removed your email from the list for now due to all active cases being in Managed Isolation and Quarantine facilities. I have noted that in the event of any positive cases in the community that your address is added.

Kind Regards,

Andy Swain

Thank you.

I am still checking this data each day, especially with regard to positive cases in this catchment and in any of the isolation facilities to try and keep our staff safe.

Thank you.

Ngā mihi

Andy

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Katherine Townend

I am Medical Director for one of the Aeromedical Services (Upper Sth Island) and use the data to define level of risk in communities we provide prehospital medical care to. So location specifics for community positive cases has been incredibly useful over the past few months for our service.

Please continue to provide information to me.

Katherine Townend | Medical Director, GCH Aviation Group
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Nelson Marlborough Rescue Helicopter
NZCC Greymouth Rescue Helicopter
NZ Flying Doctor Service

Glen Worthington (from wfa)

Hi Bex

We only require the confirmed cases name and the address where they are residing while classed as an active patient. This is so we can add a caution note to the site within our comm's centre. The caution note does not disclose patient details, but rather alerts crews, that someone at the address has potentially been exposed to COVID. The caution note only lasts for four weeks.

Regards

Glen Worthington

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Ken Franklin

Hello Bev

Thank you for your email regarding COVID-19 Patient Data.

At the beginning of the response to the coronavirus pandemic, detail of patient whereabouts was helpful in determining air ambulance strategies (formulated in association with our local DHBs). The data helped develop an understanding of the prevalence and spread of the disease in our region and that, in turn, helped resourcing and risk mitigation development for our crews.

The need for that information has subsequently diminished and at this stage we no longer require the data.

Thank you

**Ken Franklin
HEMS NZ Limited**

I have not sent the report since 02 July 2020.

If there is anything else I can do to help with the investigation please do let me know

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