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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 (the Ministry) on 8 February 2022 for:

“How many alerts were sent out by the NZ Tracer App framework after the Omicron variant of Covid-19 was detected at Sound splash, Hamilton in January 2022?”

Location alerts for the Soundsplash Festival were sent out via the COVID Tracer App on 27 January 2022 following its publication on the Ministry’s website.

On 27 January 2022, a total of 3,345 location alerts were issued. Of these, 3,209 notifications were sent to unique devices. In addition, a total of 82 Bluetooth exposure alerts were issued on 27 January 2022.

For privacy reasons, device notifications issued through the COVID Tracer App are not directly linked to a case or exposure event. Therefore, these figures reflect the total location and Bluetooth alerts that were sent out on 27 January 2022. In addition, Bluetooth alerts reflect person-to-person exposures and may have been issued at later dates following the identification of further cases linked to Soundsplash.

I trust this information fulfils your request. 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 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.

Nāku noa, nā



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