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By email: s 9(2)(a)
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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 10 February 2022. Please find a response to each part of your request below.

I ask that the information be presented in the form that it had been made publicly available until yesterday, 9 February 2022:

CONTACTS

- Number of active contacts being managed (total):
- Percentage who has received an outbound call from contact tracers (to confirm testing and isolation requirements):
- Percentage who has returned at least one result: 68%

Information has been provided to you in the table below for the period of your request up until the move into Phase 2 of the Omicron response on 15th February 2022. At Phases 2 and 3, the National Investigation and Tracing Centre is no longer actively managing Close Contacts, with the result that there is no meaningful data for the metrics requested from the start of Phase 2. From 15th February, we discontinued making outbound calls to identified contacts affecting Column 3: 'Percentage of active contacts who received an outbound call from contact tracers'. Furthermore, the self-registration of Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) results means we do not have an accurate record for the 'Percentage of active contacts who have returned at least one result' (Column 4,).

Date	Number of active contacts being managed	Percentage of active contacts who received an outbound call from contact tracers	Percentage of active contacts who returned at least one result
08/02/2022	4,996	75%	67%
09/02/2022	5,529	75%	68%
10/02/2022	5,843	76%	69%
11/02/2022	6,586	70%	66%
12/02/2022	8,115	60%	61%
13/02/2022	9,547	59%	62%
14/02/2022	11,541	56%	59%

NZ COVID Tracer

- *Poster scans in the 24 hours to midday yesterday*
- *Manual diary entries in the 24 hours to midday*

This information is published daily at: www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics/covid-19-nz-covid-tracer-app-data.

MY VACCINE PASS

Total issued to date: 5,082,686

Total yesterday: 7,554

From 9 February 2022 until 7 March 2022, the Ministry has generated 277,320 my vaccine passes (MVP). The daily generation of MVP from the 9 February to 7 March 2022 is listed in the table below.

Date	Number of successful MVP generations
9/02/2022	15,584
10/02/2022	14,772
11/02/2022	14,839
12/02/2022	9,908
13/02/2022	8,061
14/02/2022	14,390
15/02/2022	15,103
16/02/2022	13,665
17/02/2022	12,843
18/02/2022	12,106
19/02/2022	8,403
20/02/2022	7,146
21/02/2022	11,799
22/02/2022	11,589
23/02/2022	11,528
24/02/2022	11,302
25/02/2022	10,605
26/02/2022	7,157
27/02/2022	6,090
28/02/2022	9,693
1/03/2022	9,485
2/03/2022	8,993
3/03/2022	8,423
4/03/2022	7,669
5/03/2022	5,262
6/03/2022	4,359
7/03/2022	6,546
Total	277,320

WASTEWATER

- Any unexpected detections

The Institute of Environmental Science and Research (ESR) does not provide information about whether a wastewater result is expected, but they can provide information on when SARS-CoV-2 has been detected in wastewater, please see the attached spreadsheet for information regarding detections of SARS-CoV-2 in wastewater for 8 February until 14 February. ESR also publishes wastewater testing results, with a slight delay, at the following link: www.esr.cri.nz/our-expertise/covid-19-response/wastewater-testing-results/.

The Ministry has information regarding COVID-19: Wastewater testing available at the following link: www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-public/covid-19-wastewater-testing#:~:text=Detecting%20SARS%20CoV%20in%20wastewater&text=People%20who%20have%20an%20active,for%20weeks%20after%20they%20recover.

I also request that you provide a full list of all detections for today and every subsequent day until the day prior to this request being answered in full or the date on which you resume making this information publicly available as part of your press releases, whichever is the earlier.

In addition, for each day of the period specified above I request that you provide the following for each region with an active case:

- The total number of new cases
- The town in which each new case resides

The Ministry only provides case data at a district health board (DHB) level which is available on the website here: www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics/covid-19-current-cases.

- How many of the new cases have been linked to existing cases
- The number of people and number of cases who are being supported to isolate at home

For information regarding these questions please follow this link: www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics/covid-19-case-demographics#aug-2021. At the bottom of this webpage is a subheading titled “Details of past cases”, please download the excel spreadsheet titled “COVID-19 case details through 14 March 2022”. The Ministry only provides case data at a DHB level.

I trust this 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 of Health website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Stephenson', written in a cursive style.

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