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By email: [REDACTED]  
Ref: H202100035

Dear [REDACTED]

### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 29 December 2020 for:

*"information on the position in respect of New Zealand citizens returning home who have been vaccinated against Covid 19. Do they need to provide an immunisation certificate upon arrival? If it is in a different language, what would be the requirements? Do they need to quarantine? if yes, is that for 14 days? Do they need to be tested?"*

No decisions have been made about the role of vaccination on arrival in New Zealand. New Zealand citizens returning home who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 are required to undergo the same the quarantine and testing requirements as others arriving here. More information is available at:

[www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-response-planning/covid-19-elimination-strategy-aotearoa-new-zealand](http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-response-planning/covid-19-elimination-strategy-aotearoa-new-zealand).

The World Health Organization is developing technical advice about immunisation certification and New Zealand officials will be taking this advice into account when it is completed. At present, there is no requirement for immunisation certificates; however, people arriving in New Zealand may be asked about their vaccination status during a health check after arrival.

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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

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Yours sincerely



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