



28 October 2021

Mr Mario Funken

Email: fyi-request-17239-c2be0600@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Funken

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST - COVID-19 HOSPITALISATIONS

Thank you for your email, received 18 October 2021, requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982. This request relates to information about the current Covid-19 Delta outbreak.

You have requested the following information:

1. *What is the total number of Covid cases that required hospital care in your region since the start of the current delta outbreak?*
 - Three patients presented to Waikato Hospital who were suspected or confirmed COVID-19
 - One patient presented and discharged from Waikato Hospital who was later confirmed with COVID-19
2. *How many of those cases have been hospitalised for:*
 - a) Covid-19 related acute health issues as a primary reason?
 - Two patients requiring inpatient care
 - b) Unrelated acute health issues as a primary reason while testing positive for Covid?
 - No patient
 - c) Monitoring purposes only (no acute health issues at time of admission)?
 - No patient
3. *What was the average time spent in hospital?*
 - Patient One - eight days inpatient stay
 - Patient Two – presented to ED less than twelve hours stay
 - Patient Three – admitted to hospital in the past 24 hours
 - Patient Four – presented to ED less than five hours stay, confirmed COVID positive three days after discharge
4. *How many of those cases required supplemental oxygen at some point during their hospital stay?*
 - One patient required supplemental oxygen.

I hope this information is of help to you.

Waikato DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publically funded healthcare. This includes the

proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

Yours sincerely

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Christine Lowry
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