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Tēnā koe Alistair

Thank you for your email of 17 February 2022 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- *I would like to get a copy of all information and communication concerning COVID-19 provided to Wairarapa based high schools between 11/02/2022 and 17/02/2022? If possible, sorted by school and date sent, in searchable pdf format.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

For the period of 11 to 17 February 2022, the Ministry provided ongoing support and advice to schools, including around managing positive COVID-19 cases in their settings. This has involved close communication between the schools, the Ministry of Health and our officials to assist schools with logging their positive cases, ordering rapid antigen test kits and direct delivery to them so there was no lag time in courier-based delivery.

We have also provided one-to-one advice where needed, as this has been a rapidly evolving environment with numerous changes to our advice and guidelines based on changes to COVID-19 Alert levels and phases. In many cases, this contact is by telephone, and, given the need to provide timely advice in a pressurised setting, detailed notes of each call are not always made.

We have therefore interpreted your request to relate to written information and communication only and have identified two pieces of correspondence within that scope. We are providing these to you as the attached **Appendix A**, with our decision as to their release outlined in the **Appendix A Document Table** below.

The Ministry has also regularly been providing guidance through our bulletins to the sector, which can be found online here: <https://bulletins.education.govt.nz/>.

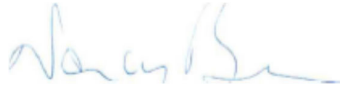
For the period 11 to 17 February 2022, the following specific bulletins may be of interest to you:

- <https://bulletins.education.govt.nz/bulletin/he-pitopito-korero/issue/covid-19-update-15-february/date/2022-02-15>
- <https://bulletins.education.govt.nz/bulletin/he-pitopito-korero/issue/covid-19-update-17-february/date/2022-02-17>

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes OIA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to [xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxxxxxxxxx.xx](mailto:xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxxxxxxxxx.xx) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nancy Bell', written in a cursive style.

Nancy Bell  
**Hautū | Deputy Secretary**  
**Te Mahau | Te Tai Runga (South)**

## Appendix A Document Table

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#	Date	From	To	Subject	Decision on release
1	11/02/2022 1:19pm	Mitchell Learning	Matt White	Email: RE: Proposal re One-Day-A-Week Online Learning	<b>Release in Full</b>
2	17/02/2022 2:20pm	Moana Ransfield	All Regional Schools	Email: Greater Wellington Covid Update -17 February 2022 – Schools and Kura	<b>Release in Full</b>
2A	Attachment: Wellington Region Food Providers & Community Connectors 15 Feb 2022.pdf				<b>Release in Full</b>