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Tēnā koe Morgan

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 13 May 2022. You requested:

- A CSV file of the Covid-19 Daily Hospitalisation Statistics broken down by Vaccination Status from when this data first started being recorded.

- Is the Hospitalisation Statistics available for the whole of New Zealand, or only for the Northern Region? If so, who would hold this information?

I have identified two documents within scope of your request. These documents are itemised in Appendix 1 and copies of the document are enclosed.

Please note that in line with Statistics New Zealand recommendations, all data that is not currently released on the website as an exact count will be released after perturbation using fixed random rounding to base 3 (FRR3) – with the following additions:

1. Zero values are preserved
 - a. Except for in sensitive categories where a zero value may be suppressed to protect other low values.
2. Values between one and five will be suppressed.
3. Counts, including suppressed values, will not be provided when a grouping within the data is small enough that there is only a single value of a sensitive category: e.g. vaccination status, cause of death, or ethnicity.

Further information is available here: www.data.govt.nz/toolkit/privacy-and-security/understanding-data-confidentiality/data-confidentiality-principles-and-methods-report/.

Additionally, please note that hospitalisations of people under 20 years of age have been excluded from the documents, due to the much lower hospitalisation risk in that group.

Previously we only had reliable individual-level hospitalisation information for patients in the Northern Region. However, we can now provide more robust figures for all of New Zealand.

The figures provided in this response are for all of New Zealand. If this is not the information you are seeking – you may wish to make another request for Official Information and specify which region you are seeking data for.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Bernal', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dan Bernal
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Appendix 1: List of documents for release

#	Date	Document details	Decision on release
1	2022	Hospital Daily Admissions	Released in full.
2	2022	Hospital Weekly Admissions	