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Tēnā koe Mark,

**Your request for Official information, reference: HN200030832**

Thank you for your request for information received by Te Whatu Ora on 24 October 2023, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*“[1] Please provide statistics of the incidence of serious illness and death in NZ directly caused by COVID-19 infection*

We have consulted with Manatū Hauora Ministry of Health (the Ministry) and they have provided the following links to information addressing this part of your request: [medsafe.govt.nz/COVID-19/safety-report-46.asp](https://www.medsafe.govt.nz/COVID-19/safety-report-46.asp) and [health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/information-release/h2023029281\\_response.pdf](https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/information-release/h2023029281_response.pdf).

*[2] and reports of serious illness and death reported to CARM as being associated with COVID-19 vaccination. Please stratify by date range (from first COVID-19 vaccine approval to now), age and sex.*

We have consulted with Manatū Hauora Ministry of Health (the Ministry) and they have provided the following links to information addressing this part of your request:

<https://www.medsafe.govt.nz/COVID-19/safety-report-46.asp>

Specifically, section “Summary of reported deaths”

*[3] Please provide equivalent information as requested above for influenza and the influenza vaccine. Please include influenza and influenza vaccine information from 2014.”*

Te Whatu Ora does not hold the requested information. Therefore, we are refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you have is not held and are we not aware of other entities subject to the Act that would.

However, you will be interested to know that statistics relating to deaths attributed to COVID-19, where the cause is underlying or contributory, are available via our COVID-19 Trends and Insights webpage at [tewhatauora.shinyapps.io/covid19/](https://tewhatauora.shinyapps.io/covid19/). Information such as deaths by age and sex and a number of other demographic measures are also available here.

## How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at [h.nzOIA@health.govt.nz](mailto:h.nzOIA@health.govt.nz).

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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