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Tēnā koe Chris,

### Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00069866

Thank you for your email of 25 October 2024, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Can you please provide in a machine readable CSV/Excel file, a count of the number of people vaccinated against COVID19 funded by the government of NZ and those who subsequently died of any cause - as measured by MoH record level patient or payment databases.*

*OIA1a) This OIA asks for repeat run of Ticket Reference RT-670 - with a revised date range and one age group boundary change - so that updated numbers can be made available to the public. My understanding is that this comes from the Aotearoa Immunisation Register (AIR).*

*OIA1b) For reference, a definition of the columns required are described below.*

*The following breakdown of each column is required:*

*Col1) Month of Death - from the first vaccination until the end of Sept 2024 [NOTE new date range]*

*Col2) Age Band of Patient – 0-20 inclusive, 21-40 inclusive, 41-60 inclusive, 61-80 inclusive, 81-99 inclusive, 100+ . [NOTE the small change to the 81-99, and 100+ categories]*

*Col3) Last COVID-19 dose number (eg 0, 1=1st, 2=2nd, 3=1st booster, 4=2nd booster etc) using a coding scheme used within the MoH*

*Col4) Days between last vaccination and death – N/A where Last COVID-19 dose number is 0, else each of the following categories should be calculated from the date of the patients's most recent vaccine: <30 days inclusive, 31 days-90 days inclusive, 91-180 days, 181 days to 365 days, 366 days to 730 days inclusive, 731 to 1095 days inclusive, over 1096 days inclusive.*

*Col5) Count of people matching (when Grouping on) the above 4 columns*

*This OIA does not seek any personal or commercial information about patients or suppliers. Where a cell count is less than 5 please mark as "S". Where a cell count is truly zero please mark this as such in the dataset.*

*OIA2) For reconciliation and benchmarking purposes, please provide a simple count of the number of COVID vaccination records in the Aotearoa Immunisation Register (AIR) system as at the end of Sept 2024.*

## Response

Data requested is attached as **Appendix One**. The data shows count of deaths (all causes) after immunisation against COVID-19, and count of COVID-19 immunisation records between February 2021 and September 2024.

Counts fewer than six, denoted as '<6', have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect privacy of individuals. In making this decision, we have considered the public interest in release and determined that it does not outweigh the need to withhold on this occasion.

## How to get in touch

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As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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