



15 March 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

The Ministry of Health transferred part of your Official Information Act request regarding COVID-19 to Northland DHB on 21 February 2021.

2. Please supply hospitalisation caused solely by covid 19, where covid is the only diagnosis listed, broken down by age group 0-9, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90+, and by gender, and by vaccination / or non-vaccination status between feb 1 2020 up to and including Jan 31 2022.

Please see the information listed below. It should be noted that providing accurate data on the number of people in hospital solely with COVID-19 is difficult as COVID-19 may not be the standalone reason for hospitalisation. Caution is advised in comparing the data below to that of other DHBs, who may have used different methodology to extract the data requested.

The Ministry of Health notes that unvaccinated people are over-represented in the current hospitalisation data and being vaccinated helps keep people out of hospital, with a booster dose providing a high level of protection against Omicron.

Patients hospitalised solely for COVID-19	12
Males	4
Females	8
Age Groups	
0-9 yrs	2
10-19 yrs	1
20-29 yrs	1
30-39 yrs	2
40-49 yrs	1
50-59 yrs	4
70-79 yrs	1
Vaccinated (partial)	1
Unvaccinated	11

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If you have any queries about Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Nick Chamberlain
Chief Executive