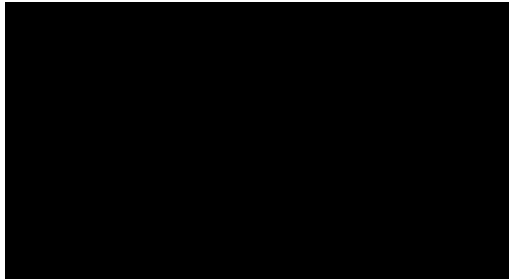


21 June 2022



Re: Official Information Request – Suburbs with high positivity rates - Auckland DHB Ref. 20220530-1233

I refer to your official information request received by the Ministry of Health on 21 October 2021 and transferred to us on 30 May, seeking the following information:

“Can you please provide the MOH's basis for claiming the suburbs of New Lynn, Rosedale, Redvale and Bayswater are areas with "higher positivity rates", i.e. suburbs where positive tests exceed 1% (ref:

(1) <https://www.health.govt.nz/news-media/media-releases/60-community-cases-covid-19-2-new-border-cases-89-percent-aucklanders-receive-one-vaccine-dose> and;

(2) <https://www.health.govt.nz/news-media/news-items/covid-19-update-20-october-2021>.

Without limiting this request, for each suburb please confirm the total number of tests, the total number of positive tests, the total number of households from which those positive tests reside, and the relevant time period(s).”

I am responding on behalf of the Northern Region Health Coordination Centre (NRHCC), the COVID-19 response and vaccination team set up by the Northland, Waitematā, Auckland, and Counties Manukau District Health Boards (DHBs).

Please refer to the table below regarding the positivity rates of COVID-19 of the top 15 Auckland suburbs over the 14 days preceding 20 October 2021. This includes the total number of tests and positive results in each suburb during this period.

We are unable to provide information regarding the total number of households from which the positive cases resided as this data wasn't recorded. We are refusing this part of your request, citing s18 (g), Official Information Act, because we do not hold the information requested and do not believe any other agency holds it.

Table 4: Top 15 Suburbs by % positive in the last 14 days (each person counted only once)

Suburb_Name	DHB	Total Enrolled	Total Tested	% Tested	Positive	% positive
Redvale	Waitemata	503	51	10.1	3	5.9
South Head	Waitemata	1333	105	7.9	5	4.8
Wiri	Counties Manukau	4271	403	9.4	15	3.7
Rosedale	Waitemata	1412	117	8.3	4	3.4
Totara Park	Counties Manukau	755	69	9.1	2	2.9
Clendon Park	Counties Manukau	10641	1005	9.4	22	2.2
Bayswater	Waitemata	2551	203	8	4	2
Omaha	Waitemata	714	53	7.4	1	1.9
Waitakere	Waitemata	2925	322	11	5	1.6
Opapeke	Counties Manukau	4446	535	12	8	1.5
New Lynn	Waitemata	19512	1695	8.7	26	1.5
Waiatarua	Waitemata	1376	143	10.4	2	1.4
Paremoremo	Waitemata	1507	146	9.7	2	1.4
Favona	Counties Manukau	10369	897	8.7	13	1.4
Takanini	Counties Manukau	13751	1335	9.7	17	1.3

Note: Enrolled in the chart refers to numbers enrolled in a Primary Health Organisation.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours sincerely



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