

17 December 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

## YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021153

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 15 November 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

- *The vaccination and pregnancy rates in the region during the Delta outbreak of 2021, preferably from the beginning of the outbreak if applicable to November 15, 2021.*
- *Vaccination rates in pregnancy in the DHB region, the number of pregnant women and their vaccination information*
- *The vaccination rates in pregnancy by sub-region, if applicable, in the DHB area*
- *The vaccination rates in pregnancy showing the dose – whether it is dose 1 or 2 of the Covid-19 vaccine*
- *The vaccination rates in pregnancy by ethnicity, so NZ European, Maori, Pacific, Other, and any other ethnicity classification in the DHB region.*

Please find below Table 1, which shows the number of pregnant people who have received their COVID-19 vaccination by first dose, second dose or no vaccination received by ethnicity.

Please note that these numbers are a guide only and not an absolute. Pregnancy status is not recorded when people receive their COVID-19 vaccinations and the data in Table 1 is from a data matching exercise between individuals who are registered with a Lead Maternity Carer (LMC). Therefore this does not capture pregnant individuals who seek private care or those who seek hospital care very close to the time of giving birth, so it is a snapshot in time and is incomplete information.

**Table 1**

Ethnicity	1		2		No Vaccination		Grand Total	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
MAORI	100	50.25%	69	34.67%	99	49.75%	199	100.00%
PACIFIC PEOPLES	13	59.09%	9	40.91%	9	40.91%	22	100.00%
ASIAN	39	90.70%	31	72.09%	4	9.30%	43	100.00%
RESIDUAL CATEGORIES	7	100.00%	6	85.71%			7	100.00%
OTHER ETHNICITY	217	70.00%	200	64.52%	93	30.00%	310	100.00%
	47	70.15%	38	56.72%	20	29.85%	67	100.00%
Grand Total	423	65.28%	353	54.48%	225	34.72%	648	100.00%

Some pregnant people will prefer to wait until they have given birth before they are vaccinated. All pregnant women receive healthcare.

Pregnant people are urged to get the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, at any stage of their pregnancy as they can become very sick if they get COVID-19. Research shows that if you're not vaccinated and you are pregnant and catch COVID-19, you are more likely to be admitted to a hospital's intensive care unit.

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please phone me. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris McKenna', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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