



Te Pouri Hauora Ā Rohe O Te Tai Tokerau



Waitematā District Health Board  
Best Care for Everyone



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**Re: Official Information Act Request – Response to Roche report recommendations on Covid19 scenario planning and stress testing**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to the Metro Auckland District Health Boards requesting the following information:

*Reports prepared or received in response to the recommendation in the June report entitled 'Review into the Auckland February 2021 Covid-19 Outbreak and New Zealand's current Covid-19 Outbreak Response Capacity' calling for "Scenario-planning and Covid-19 Response System stress testing should be done, co-ordinated by DPMC specialists, and completed in an agreed timeframe."*

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 DHBs.

The Northern Region DHBs (Northland, Waitematā, Auckland and Counties Manukau) work together on a coordinated response to the COVID-19 global pandemic through the Northern Region Health Coordination Centre (NRHCC), drawing on resources and expertise from across the four DHB areas.

The DHBs fully align with NRHCC and Ministry of Health requirements for the management of COVID-19.

It is worth noting the documents provided are all living documents subject to ongoing updates, as circumstances change.

1. Please refer to attached Appendix 1 in reference to reports, provided by Auckland District Health Board (ADHB) which includes:
  - 1.1. COVID-19 Preparedness ADHB Escalation Tool Meeting Notes
  - 1.2. ADHB escalation tool scenario test 1
  - 1.3. ADHB escalation tool scenario test 2

- 1.4. Scenario. 2 escalation tool notes
- 1.5. Section from Senior leadership meeting notes
2. Please refer to attached Appendix 2 in reference to reports, provided by Waitematā District Health Board (WDHB) which includes:
  - 2.1. WDHB COVID-19 Readiness Framework
    - 2.1.1. IMT Responses at various Alert Levels
    - 2.1.2. ED Blue Team Responders to Blue (COVID-19-positive) Patient Presentations
    - 2.1.3. COVID-19 WDHB NSH Emergency Department Response Framework
    - 2.1.4. COVID-19 WDHB WTH Emergency Department Response Framework
    - 2.1.5. ARPHS Community Referral for COVID-19 Positive/Close Contact Patients via ED
    - 2.1.6. Other Community Patient-Facing Services
3. Please refer to attached Appendix 3 in reference to reports, provided by Counties Manukau District Health Board (CMDHB) which includes:
  - 3.1. CMDHB Incident Controller Additional Commentary
  - 3.2. CM Health Alert Level Framework
4. Please refer to attached Appendix 4 in reference to scenario planning, provided by Northern Region Health Coordination Centre (NRHCC) which includes:
  - 4.1. NRHCC Exercise for COVID-19 Resurgence and Concurrent Event
  - 4.2. Report: August Scenario Session Outcomes and Actions
5. Please refer to attached Appendix 5 scenario planning, prepared by Dr Gary Jackson:
  - 5.1. Post-vaccine New Zealand: Northern Region Planning Scenarios for Covid-19 in 2022

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](http://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 faithfully



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**Chief Executive of Te Toka Tumai (Auckland District Health Board)**