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**Re: Official Information Act request – Delta community outbreak case information**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 20 October 2021 requesting the following information:

- 1. How many people caught Covid-19 in the August 2021 Delta community outbreak in Auckland before or on 17 August 2021?**
- 2. How many Covid-19 community cases in Auckland between 19 August 2021 and 5 October 2021 were homeless or living in transitional housing, boarding houses, hostels, similar arrangements etc when identified as a positive case?**
- 3. Can the daily case count for this categorisation of cases between 19 August 2021 and 5 October 2021 please be provided? Can this data be separated out by date? In other words, how many categorised people were identified as a positive case on 18/08, how many people were identified on 19/08, etc, etc.**

I am responding from Auckland District Health Board (ADHB) as the DHB responsible for Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS).

ARPHS provides public health services to all three metro Auckland District Health Boards – Waitemata District Health Board, Counties Manukau Health and Auckland District Health Board, and the populations they serve. ARPHS's core role is to protect and promote public health.

Please see below responses to your questions:

**1. How many people caught Covid-19 in the August 2021 Delta community outbreak in Auckland before or on 17 August 2021?**

117 people had a symptom onset on or before 18/08, which suggests they may have been infected with COVID-19 prior to the outbreak being reported.

A further 224 people were identified as having a symptom onset date between 19 – 23/08. As the incubation period for COVID-19 infection commonly approaches 4-5 days, this number may reflect some people who were exposed to COVID-19 and were incubating the virus prior to the outbreak being reported on 17 August 2021.

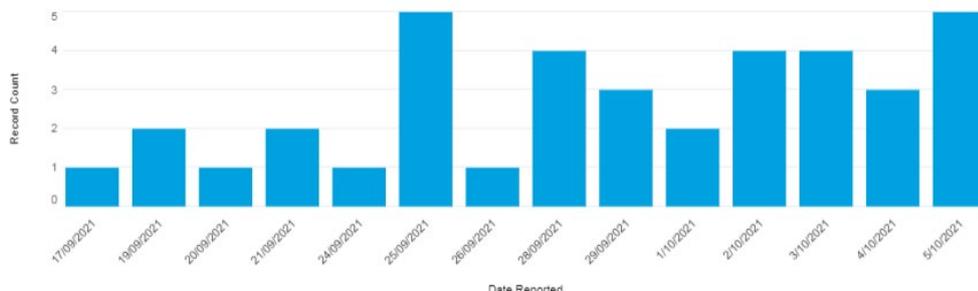
**2. How many Covid-19 community cases in Auckland between 19 August 2021 and 5 October 2021 were homeless or living in transitional housing, boarding houses, hostels, similar arrangements etc when identified as a positive case?**

38 cases were reported between 19/08 – 05/10/21 and identified as living in residential housing facilities (transitional housing, boarding houses, hostels). No cases were identified as living in residential housing facilities from 19/08-16/09/21.

**3. Can the daily case count for this categorisation of cases between 19 August 2021 and 5 October 2021 please be provided? Can this data be separated out by date. In other words, how many categorised people were identified as a positive case on 18/08, how many people were identified on 19/08, etc, etc.**

As per the response to Q2 there were no cases identified as living in residential housing facilities from 19-08 – 16/09. The table below provides a breakdown of cases reported 18/09 – 05/10/21 identified as living in residential housing facilities (transitional housing, boarding houses, hostels), by the date the case was reported.

Date reported	Number of cases
17/09/2021	1
19/09/2021	2
20/09/2021	1
21/09/2021	2
24/09/2021	1
25/09/2021	5
26/09/2021	1
28/09/2021	4
29/09/2021	3
01/10/2021	2
02/10/2021	4
03/10/2021	4
04/10/2021	3
05/10/2021	5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>38</b>



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Yours sincerely

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**Chief Executive**