



Te Pouri Hauora Ā Rohe O Te Tai Tokerau



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**Re: Official Information Act request – Rates of symptomatic Covid testing - ADHB Ref: 20220110-1131**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 10 January 2022 requesting the following information:

- 1. Does ARPHS or the NRHCC hold information about whether individuals testing for Covid-19 in the community have said they are showing symptoms of Covid-19? Where would this information be held?**
- 2. If so in the former question, how many people symptomatic with Covid-19 symptoms were tested in the community (excluding border tests and MIQ tests) in Auckland in the weeks between 05 February 2021 and now? I would like this data to be separated out by weeks.**

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.

- 1. Does ARPHS or the NRHCC hold information about whether individuals testing for Covid-19 in the community have said they are showing symptoms of Covid-19? Where would this information be held?**

NRHCC does hold this information.

- 2. If so in the former question, how many people symptomatic with Covid-19 symptoms were tested in the community (excluding border tests and MIQ tests) in Auckland in the weeks between 05 February 2021 and now? I would like this data to be separated out by weeks.**

Please refer to below table for the sum of SARS-COV-2 tests for:

- Community tests only
- Domiciled in Counties Manukau, Auckland or Waitematā DHBs
- Presenting with COVID-19 symptoms

- Between 5 February 2021 (week beginning 1 February 2021) and 12 January 2022 (week beginning 10 January 2022)

Week beginning	Sum of Lab tests (n)
1 Feb 2021 (part week from 5 Feb)	1,156
08/02/2021	4,699
15/02/2021	15,729
22/02/2021	11,684
01/03/2021	14,420
08/03/2021	7,387
15/03/2021	5,625
22/03/2021	7,701
29/03/2021	6,405
05/04/2021	7,018
12/04/2021	6,465
19/04/2021	5,936
26/04/2021	5,385
03/05/2021	6,091
10/05/2021	5,299
17/05/2021	5,736
24/05/2021	6,899
31/05/2021	7,407
07/06/2021	6,437
14/06/2021	6,699
21/06/2021	8,668
28/06/2021	9,844
05/07/2021	9,933
12/07/2021	8,175
19/07/2021	7,329
26/07/2021	7,413
02/08/2021	6,838
09/08/2021	7,115
16/08/2021	47,968
23/08/2021	43,870
30/08/2021	15,998
06/09/2021	15,899
13/09/2021	13,942
20/09/2021	10,252
27/09/2021	11,121
04/10/2021	12,245
11/10/2021	13,432
18/10/2021	12,220
25/10/2021	10,727
01/11/2021	13,130
08/11/2021	11,070
15/11/2021	13,330
22/11/2021	14,521
29/11/2021	18,582
06/12/2021	19,768
13/12/2021	17,091
20/12/2021	12,807
27/12/2021	8,030

03/01/2022	9,744
10/01/2022	6,460
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>561,700</b>

Please note, symptom status is captured for approximately 75 per cent of tests. Therefore, the actual number of people presenting for tests with symptoms will be higher than the numbers in the table above.

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Yours sincerely,



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**Chief Executive**  
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