

17 January 2024

By email: [REDACTED]
Ref: H2023034156

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora on 14 December 2023. You requested:

“Can I have a breakdown of all serious adverse event following immunisation reports following COVID-19 vaccination based on the following classifications?”

- 1. Is a medically important event or reaction*
- 2. Requires hospitalisation or prolongs an existing hospitalisation*
- 3. Causes persistent or significant disability or incapacity*
- 4. Is life threatening*
- 5. Causes a congenital anomaly/ birth defect*
- 6. Results in death”*

I have interpreted your request as relating to the Pfizer Comirnaty (original and bivalent) vaccine.

In accordance with the Act, please find below the recorded number of serious adverse events following COVID-19 vaccination, broken down by the requested classifications. Please note that the reporter decides if the case or event is serious and that there was a change in assignment of serious from case level to event level. This means that some cases have more than one serious event and are counted multiple times.

Classification	Number of events
Is a medically important event or reaction	7323
Requires hospitalisation or prolongs an existing hospitalisation	5480
Causes persistent or significant disability or incapacity	7166
Is life threatening	586
Causes a congenital anomaly/ birth defect	4

Information regarding the number of adverse events that result in death is publicly available here: www.medsafe.govt.nz/Projects/B1/ADRDisclaimer.asp, and available in accordance with section 18(d) of the Act.

I trust this information fulfils your request. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: oiagr@health.govt.nz.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



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