

21 October 2022

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By email: **s 9(2)(a)**
Ref: H2022010835

Tēnā koe **s 9(2)(a)**

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health) on 12 August 2022 for information regarding Section 70 Health Act orders. You requested:

"All of the section 70 Health Act orders made in relation to COVID-19, particularly those made after 26 June 2020"

On 12 August 2022 you were advised that your request may be refused under section 18(f) of the Act unless a refinement to the scope is made, as it was for a very large volume of information and would require substantial manual collation in order to provide a response. On 23 August 2022, you refined your request to:

"Copies of all section 70 notices that have been issued, excluding notices relating to locations of interest"

The table in Appendix 1 outlines all section 70 notices that have been identified within scope of your request after 26 June 2020. Copies of the documents are attached to this letter and are released to you in full.

Please note, Manatū Hauora has endeavoured to search a copy of the 5 March 2021 Section 70: Papatoetoe High School, however, despite reasonable efforts to locate they have not been found. I can advise the following which was previously publicly available regarding the 5 March 2021 Papatoetoe High School notice:

On Friday 5 March 2021 a Section 70 order was issued.

This applies to the following people:

- Any person who attended the City Fitness Gym at Hunters Plaza, at 217 Great South Road, Papatoetoe, in Auckland on 20 February 2021 between 11.15am and 1.45pm, or 26 February 2021 between 3.25pm and 4.30pm.
- Any other person who has already been contacted by Auckland Regional Public Health Service and advised they are a close plus, close or casual plus contact during this outbreak and who is still required to isolate and/or be tested, to continue to comply with the following instructions regarding isolation and testing they have been given by the relevant public health unit.

These people are required to do three things:

1. To isolate at their usual home;
2. To report for and undergo medical testing for COVID-19 at a time and place to be specified by a medical officer of health; and
3. Except as required in order to undergo testing as directed, to remain isolated until they receive further direction from a medical officer of health.

Public health officials will also discuss with these people the support available to help them meet these requirements.

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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Appendix 1: Section 70 notices (excluding notices relating to locations of interest)**Lockdown notices**

Notice	Date	Signatory
Section 70 – Self-isolation - All	18 Feb 2022	Dr Bloomfield
Section 70 – Self-isolation: Close contacts	15 Feb 2022	Dr Bloomfield
Section 70: Close contacts	11 Feb 2022	Dr Bloomfield
Section 70: Close contacts	28 Jan 2022	Dr Carr
Section 70: Persons who had returned a positive test	20 Jan 2022	Dr Jaine
Section 70: Close contacts	20 Jan 2022	Dr Jaine
Section 70: Persons who had returned a positive test	24 Dec 2021	Dr Carr
Section 70: Close contacts	24 Dec 2021	Dr Carr
Section 70: Persons who had returned a positive test	15 Oct 2021	Dr Bloomfield
Section 70: Persons who had returned a positive test	8 Oct 2021	Dr McElnay
Section 70: Persons in Upper Hauraki	20 Sept 2021	Dr Bloomfield
Section 70: Persons who had returned a positive test: Tamaki Makaurau – Auckland district	27 August 2021	Dr Bloomfield
Section 70: Household members	27 August 2021	Dr Bloomfield

Section 70: Household members	20 August 2021	Dr Bloomfield
Section 70: Locations of interest (Delta outbreak)	17 August 2021	Dr Jaine
Section 70: Locations of interest (Wellington)	23 June 2021	Dr Stefanogiannis

2020 Auckland / Northland notices missing

Border notices

Notice	Date	Signatory
Section 70	11 Mar 2022	Dr Bloomfield
Section 70	21 Feb 2022	Dr Jaine

MIQ notices

Notice	Date	Signatory
Section 70 – persons in MIQ	15 Feb 2022	Dr Carr
Section 70 – persons in MIQ	28 Jan 2022	Dr Carr

Other – site specific

Notice	Date	Signatory
Section 70: Papatoetoe High School	5 Mar 2021	Dr Bloomfield
Section 70: Papatoetoe High School	23 Feb 2021	Dr Stefanogiannis