



21 September 2021

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Ref: OIA-2021/22-0189

Dear [Redacted]

Official Information Act request for information regarding COVID-19 Alert Level 1 restrictions and planning for only allowing vaccinated people to attend events

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 27 August 2021. You requested:

- "1. Has there been any restrictions added to Level 1 restrictions?*
- 2. Is there currently any planning underway to only allow vaccinated citizens to attend events and gatherings?"*

In response to your first question regarding restrictions added to COVID-19 Alert Level 1, the only change is the new recordkeeping requirements for select locations at Alert Level 1. The Government has decided that there will be no further changes to Alert Level 1. Further information about Alert Level 1 is available on the Unite Against COVID-19 website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/alert-level-1/>.

In response to your second question regarding planning to allow only vaccinated people to attend events and gatherings. No decisions have been taken to implement vaccine requirements at events or gatherings, there are currently no plan to implement this. Any such decision would be taken by Cabinet and publicly announced.

Note that responses to both questions are as at the time of your request, given the fast-changing nature of the COVID-19 Response.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response may be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely

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