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Official Information Act Request for – Covid Contingency Plans

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 20th September 2021 by way of transfer from the Ministry of Health (ref: H202110929, you requested the following information:

- **“Copies of the most recent version of DHB contingency plans for any community outbreak of Covid-19, and copies of any other such contingency plans produced, received or held by the ministry (such as all of government).”**

Counties Manukau Health Response:

For context Counties Manukau Health (CM Health) employs over 8,500 staff and provides health and support services to people living in the Counties Manukau region (approx. 601,490 people). We see over 118,000 people in our Emergency Department each year, and over 2,000 visitors come through Middlemore Hospital daily.

Publicly available at the following link is the CM Health Alert Level Preparedness Framework. This framework outlines the actions for different levels of Covid outbreak as defined by the alert level triggers which are defined by the number of cases active in the community/hospital. Please note, this document is a living document and will be updated as circumstances change.

- <https://www.countiesmanukau.health.nz/covid-19/resources/>

I trust this information answers your request. You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response or an edited version of this may be published on the Counties Manukau Health website. If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely



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