

21st October 2021

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Dear s9(2)(a)
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Official Information Act Request for – Rapid Testing Follow Up

I write in response to the follow up questions you asked on the 27th September 2021 in response to our response to your Official Information Act request, you asked the following follow up questions:

- **“What is the name of the RAT that has been approved for use at Counties Manukau DHB i.e. the relevant brand or product name of the test?”**
- **Has the Director General of Health's authorisation for use of the RATs for the Counties Manukau DHB been made publicly available?”**

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.

Our services are delivered via hospital, outpatient, ambulatory and community-based models of care. We provide regional and supra-regional specialist services i.e. for orthopaedics, plastics, burns and spinal services. There are also several specialist services provided including tertiary surgical services, medical services, mental health and addiction services.

- **“What is the name of the RAT that has been approved for use at Counties Manukau DHB i.e. the relevant brand or product name of the test?”**

CM Health has had authorisation to use any of the three brands listed:

- Access Bio Inc - CareStart COVID-19 Antigen test
- SD Biosensor - SD Biosensor COVID-19 Antigen test
- PanBio - PanBio COVID-19 Antigen test

- **Has the Director General of Health's authorisation for use of the RATs for the Counties Manukau DHB been made publicly available?"**

CM Health does not hold this information however we have contacted the Ministry of Health in relation to this question. Documentation pertaining the application and approvals have not been made publicly available however it has been publicly mentioned. Please contact the Ministry of Health directly for any further information pertaining to this.

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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