

**Subject:** FW: Health New Zealand needs more time to make a decision on your request, ref: HNZ00048110 CRM:0238060  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Monday, 10 June 2024 at 11:06 AM  
**To:** Wendy McGuinness <wmcg@mcguinnessinstitute.org>  
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Tēnā koe Wendy,

Thank you for your email of 15 May 2024, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Our OIA 2024/12: Statistics on all New Zealand COVID-19 attributed deaths*

*The Institute is currently in the process of preparing a second edition of COVID-19 Nation Dates. The second edition will build on the existing events as well as new events from 23 January 2020 to May 2024. As part of this process, we have a few outstanding questions on the statistics of deaths attributable from COVID-19.*

*Please use the latest total figures of 'all New Zealand COVID-19 attributed deaths' when answering the following four questions (e.g. see the image below, the figure currently stands at 3944 deaths). Please simply provide the 'as at date', as we appreciate it may be tricky to calculate a figure. For example, either an as at date for 31 March 2024 or as at 30 April 2024 figure are both fine.*

*Importantly, we could not find this information on your website (e.g. the closest we were able to find was as follows: <https://github.com/minhealthnz/nz-covid-data/blob/main/cases/weekly-deaths.csv>). If you have an excel of deaths by age attributable to COVID-19, please email the excel as we can simply use the raw data to generate answers to the following four questions. We are happy if this data is in age ranges as well.*

*Question 1: What is the average age of all deaths?*

*Question 2: What is the total cumulative deaths by each year of age (e.g. this could be by age or by age bands)?*

*Question 3: What is the median (mid-point)?*

Question 3: What is the median (this party)

Question 4: What is the mode (the age/ages that appears most often)?

This email is to let you know that Health NZ needs more time to make a decision on your request.

The Act requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to meet that time limit and we are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to make our decision, to 9 July 2024.

This extension is required because the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [h.nzOIA@tewhatuora.govt.nz](mailto:h.nzOIA@tewhatuora.govt.nz)

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