

RE: OIA 2024/24 - Number of COVID-19 Orders

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Kia ora Wendy

My apologies that it has taken so long to respond to you! And thank you for contacting us.

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In response to your questions:

Question 1: The PCO doesn't publish orders made under section 70 of the Health Act 1956. We understand that the Ministry of Health will separately respond to this question.

Question 2: You can find the full list of orders made under section 11 of the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020 under that Act's [Secondary Legislation tab on the NZ Legislation website](#).

Question 3: You can find all [COVID-19 Public Health Response Amendment orders on the NZ Legislation website](#). Please note that this search picks up a few orders twice, where a correction was made, specifically LI 2021/211, SL 2021/364, SL 2022/49, and SL 2022/213.

Question 4: Legislative requirements in relation to vaccination were set out in the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020 and in orders made under section 11 of that Act. Links to section 11 orders are included in the link provided for question 2.

You may also be interested in the list of legislation produced in response to COVID-19 on the PCO's corporate website: [COVID-19 legislation](#). It includes links to the [Gazette](#) and to [COVID-19: Legislation and Orders](#) on the Ministry of Health website.

In relation to the questions in your email of 8 August, you'll appreciate that since the PCO doesn't publish orders made under section 70 of the Health Act 1956, we don't have the information you are seeking. And that these are questions you could direct to the Ministry of Health.

A separate note: The website [legislation.govt.nz](#) provides all New Zealand Acts current from 2008 onwards, and every subsequent version of those Acts. (See [How it works – New Zealand Legislation](#) for more information.) We note that the page [COVID-19 Nation Dates \(2nd ed.\) - Book \(nationdatesnz.org\)](#) points readers to [www.nzlii.org/nz/legis/hist_act](#) for Acts not currently enacted. This may not be necessary, unless readers are looking for Acts that were repealed before 2008.

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Kia ora,

We are in the process of updating the second edition of our [COVID-19 Nation Dates book](#).

We are reviewing the types of legislation that was used for the range of COVID-19 regulations implemented throughout the pandemic. Could you please answer the following four questions:

Question 1: How many COVID-related s 70 orders under Health Act 1956 were issued?

Question 2: How many COVID-19 Orders under s 11 of the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020 were issued ?

Question 3: How many COVID-19 Public Health Response Amendment orders were issued?

Question 4: Were vaccination mandates issued through s 11 orders under the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020? If not, please explain.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or points of clarification

Many thanks, Wendy

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