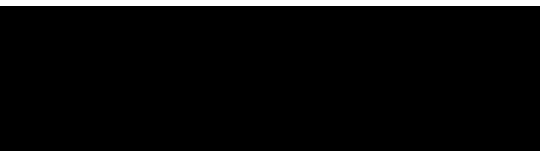

08 April 2022



Dear 

Re: OIA request – Pregnant women with COVID-19 who have given birth and numbers in ICU

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 22 March 2022 seeking information from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) about pregnant women with COVID-19 during the Omicron outbreak. For the purposes of this response, we have defined the period as 18 January 2022 – 28 March 2022.

Before responding to your specific questions, it may be useful to provide some context about our services.

Waitematā is the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country, serving a population of around 650,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas. We are the largest employer in the district, employing more than 8,900 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing care to our own resident population, we are the Northern Region provider of forensic mental health services and child rehabilitation services, plus the metro Auckland provider of child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

In response to your request, we are able to provide the following information:

1. How many pregnant women with COVID-19 has Waitematā DHB seen during the Omicron outbreak?

Between 18 January and 28 March, 387 pregnant women with COVID-19 have been seen by Waitematā DHB - this includes inpatients and outpatient visits.

2. How many women have given birth with COVID-19 at Waitematā DHB?

There have been 34 women with COVID-19 who have given birth during this period.

3. I understand there are three groups of COVID-19-positive patients in the maternity ward: those that test positive at birth, those that are sick with COVID-19 and obstetric concern complicated by COVID-19. How many has Waitematā seen of each?

Our system does not categorise women into these three groups. However, we can confirm that the majority of women are admitted either to give birth or to have a pregnancy assessment and COVID-19 is an incidental complication.

4. How many pregnant women with COVID-19 have been in the ICU?

No women pregnant women with COVID-19 were admitted to the Intensive Care Unit.

5. Are there any pregnant women currently in ICU at Waitematā?

No, there are no pregnant women currently in our Intensive Care Unit (as at 1 April 2022).

I trust that this information is helpful.

Waitematā DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publicly funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider your views.

Yours sincerely



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