

Laura Bowman

From: official information
Sent: Thursday, 2 December 2021 4:21 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: official information
Subject: RE: LGOIMA 21342 - [REDACTED] - Amenities requiring proof of vaccination and rates attributed

Kia Ora,

I refer to your **information request below**, Hamilton City Council is able to provide the following response.

Thank you for contacting Hamilton City Council regarding the Vaccine Mandate.

Council acknowledges the rights of individuals and the personal choice in whether or not to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Council also needs to do what it can to minimise the individual and community-wide harm that COVID-19 can cause as we move into the Government's Protection Framework and keep our staff, guests, and the vulnerable members of our community as safe as we can.

Rates paid to fund our facilities are fixed charges based on calculations for expenditure throughout the year. This general charge helps maintain the public facilities whether you choose to use them or not. Rates are not discounted if you choose not to or are unable to use the facilities.

We're continuing to provide services to our community in different ways where we can, including click and collect at the libraries, online access to Council meetings, and providing Zoo and Waikato Museum exhibitions virtually.

We know these are challenging times and we look forward to the day when these restrictions are no longer required.

If you have any further questions, you can visit our web page <https://www.hamilton.govt.nz/our-city/covid-19/Pages/What-Hamilton-looks-like-at-orange.aspx>

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Kind Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 24 November 2021 10:20 am
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: official information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>
Subject: LGOIMA 21342 - [REDACTED] - Amenities requiring proof of vaccination and rates attributed

Kia Ora,

I write to acknowledge your information request of Tuesday 23 November 2021 as below.

Please be advised that your request has been passed on to the relevant team within Council and you will be informed of the outcome.

The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 requires that we advise you of our decision on whether the Council will provide the requested information as soon as reasonably practicable, and no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. We will respond to you no later than Wednesday 12 January 2022.

In light of the recent announcement regarding COVID-19 and New Zealand's Alert levels, the safety of our employees is paramount. We've made necessary changes to our working environment and operations that may result in limited availability of some of our staff members. We appreciate your patience during this time. Please allow some extra time for a response to your request as we are all doing our best to accommodate the new circumstances.

Kind Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 23 November 2021 11:53:15 am
To: info@hcc.govt.nz

Subject: Enquiry

Dear Hamilton City Council

As a resident that has chosen not to receive a Covid-19 vaccine, once the traffic light system kicks in, I will be denied access to a number of local amenities, ie pools, event centres, libraries etc.

Can you please provide to me the following:

- a) a full list of council funded public amenities that will require proof of vaccination as a condition of entry
- b) the proportion of my council rates attributed to those amenities that I will no longer be allowed to access

Yours faithfully

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