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Dear Brian Sandle

### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 13 January 2021 for:

*"Is a record of olfactory injury from covid testing being kept?"*

The Ministry of Health (The Ministry) holds no information regarding your request. This information may be held by the individual processing laboratories. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry I have no reason to believe that this information is held by another agency subject to the Act.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Yours sincerely



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