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Dear Erika

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 5 July 2023. You requested:

*Please would you tell me how many notifications you received of Covid 19 since Dec 2019 up until today?*

*I understand that Section 199 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 has a requirement for work related notifiable diseases to be reported to the regulator which is Worksafe.*

**Information being released**

WorkSafe New Zealand has received 23 notifications of COVID-19 since December 2019 to 5 July 2023. It is important to note that the Health and Safety at Work Act is aimed at risks and hazards that arise in the workplace or from work, rather than public health issues (that may or may not be attributed to work). This may explain why a relatively small number of COVID-19 notifications were made to WorkSafe.

I have attached the document below for your further information.

| Item | Document Date | Document Title                        | Decision |
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| 1.   | 5 July 2023   | Annex 1 – s199 COVID 19 notifications | Release  |

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision, and further information is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you require further assistance, please contact [ministerial.services@worksafe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerial.services@worksafe.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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