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Re: Official Information Act request – First community Americold case lab test

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 26 February 2021 requesting the following information:

I ask under the OIA what time and date Auckland DHB and ARPHS first found out about the first community Americold case in August and how?

And also what Lab did this test

I am responding from Auckland District Health Board (ADHB) as the DHB responsible for Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS).

ARPHS provides public health services to all three metro Auckland district health boards – Waitematā District Health Board, Counties Manukau Health and Auckland District Health Board, and the populations they serve. ARPHS' core role is to protect and promote public health.

ARPHS was alerted by phone from LabPlus to the first Americold worker positive case on 11 August 2020 at 8:23pm. The test was performed at LabPlus.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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