

From: Written Questions

Sent: Tuesday, 21 July 2020 11:52:40 a.m. (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington

To: Shane Reti

Subject: WQ - Reply 11525 (2020) has been answered

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Portfolio: Health (Minister - Chris Hipkins)

Question: How many people, since the June 9 policy announcement of Day 3 and Day 12 coronavirus testing in managed isolation, have not had a Day 12 test, listed by number and percentage ?

Reply: While the Ministry of Health does not hold the specific information requested, I have been advised that day 3 testing is not compulsory but anyone leaving managed isolation must return a negative day 12 test. If a test is refused people can be required to remain in isolation for up to 28 days. Some people will not have been tested due to being a child under the age of 6 months, having a medical condition which means testing is not necessary, or people with mental health or disability concerns. Tests are done around day 3, for surveillance purposes, and day 12 to ensure a negative test is returned prior to individuals leaving managed isolation. However, testing may not occur specifically on days 3 and 12 due to variations in the number of tests required to be taken and the availability of staff and those in managed isolation. This is also my response to written parliamentary questions 11528 (2020) and 11531 (2020).

[11525 \(2020\)](#)

From: Written Questions

Sent: Tuesday, 4 August 2020 11:53:22 a.m. (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington

To: Shane Reti

Subject: WQ - Reply 14705 (2020) has been answered

Reply 14705 (2020) has been answered

Portfolio: Health (Minister - Chris Hipkins)

Question: How many people have not been coronavirus tested around day 3 from the date the policy was implemented to the present, listed as a number and percentage of all arrivals from that date ?

Reply: While the Ministry of Health does not hold the specific information requested, I am advised that as at 28 July 2020, over 25,000 swabs have been taken from returnees on or around day 3. As noted in written question 11525 (2020) day 3 testing is not compulsory but anyone leaving managed isolation must return a negative day 12 test. If a test is refused people can be required to remain in isolation for up to 28 days. Some people will not have been tested due to being a child under the age of 6 months, having a medical condition which means testing is not necessary, or people with mental health or disability concerns. This is also my response to written parliamentary question 14706 (2020).