

Right to Information Application (RTI 2541/21)

Scope of application

Number of Queensland Based Air Crew, excluding medivac crews, who have tested positive to COVID-19 following an international flight and their vaccination status.

Number of passengers who have arrived from overseas on private or corporate flights, excluding medivac, who have tested positive to COVID-19 and their vaccination status.

Date range: 01 March 2020- 16 September 2021

Identified information & important information

Table 1. Number of cases of COVID-19 notified to Qld Health 01/03/2020 - 16/09/2021 in Qld-based air crew diagnosed post-international flight, by COVID-19 vaccination status.

Vaccination status	Number of cases
Complete	3
Followed up – information not available	0
Incomplete	0
Not age eligible	0
Not vaccinated	1
Unknown	0
Null/Blank	0
Case notified before a vaccine was available in Qld 22/01/2021)	0
TOTAL	4

Please note the data limitations below:

- We have used the field 'postcode of usual residence' to determine 'QLD based' aircrew. Please note that sometimes the address of hotel quarantine location is listed in this field, and we cannot always confirm address of residence from our data.
- Occupational status of cases of COVID-19 has not been routinely recorded in the states Notifiable Conditions System so cases who were 'air crew' may be underestimated.
- Medivac crews: from our data, we cannot confirm any medivac details, so we could not exclude medivac crews.
- We do not routinely collect data on international flights, so have used the case source of infection category 'Overseas acquired' as a proxy for international flight.
- It is unclear whether cases were vaccinated prior to or following diagnosis.
- Does not include cases prior notified interstate or overseas.
- Data current at date of extraction: 04/10/2021

Table 2. Number of cases of COVID-19 notified to Qld Health 01/03/2020 - 16/09/2021 with infection acquired overseas, by COVID-19 vaccination status.

Vaccination status	Number of cases
Complete	35
Followed up – information not available	4
Incomplete	19
Not age eligible	14
Not vaccinated	100
Unknown	3
Null/Blank	288
Not eligible for vaccination (case notified prior to vaccine availability 22/01/2021)	1008
TOTAL	1,471

Please note the data limitations below:

- Number of passengers who have arrived from overseas: we have used the source of infection category 'Overseas acquired' to determine cases in passengers who have arrived from overseas.
- From our data, we cannot confirm nature of flight (eg, private, corporate, commercial, medivac).
- It is unclear whether cases were vaccinated prior to or following diagnosis.
- Does not include cases prior notified interstate or overseas.
- Data current at date of extraction: 04/10/2021