

**APPENDIX 1: CATEGORISED FREE TEXT RESPONSES**

<b>Vaccinated</b>
<b>Other reasons provided for not getting tested for COVID-19 after noticed symptoms?</b>
<b>Mild Symptoms</b>
and the cough was very minor
I just had a headache
covid testing would be overwhelmed if everyone with a mere headache sought testing
As our sewerage is tested & no positive fragments have been reported I believe it was just a cold
<b>Pre-existing</b>
Fatigue due to poor sleep
I have Crones disease
I get headaches all the time
I know my body and these symptoms I get a lot. I suffer from hay fever all year round as well
I always have this due to my dodgy stomach
Diahorrea is from No RECTUM
This is how I am every day
Preexisting injury pain only
Had these before covid
Polymyalgia Ruhmativa cause fatigue
arthritis
Related to existing medical condition (arthritis)
My symptoms are not related to CoVID 19 pain is from gout and
Normal age related body aches and I am a lifelong sufferer of headaches. It is normal for me.
I often get migraine headaches.
Chronic condition
My symptoms are long term conditions that I have daily even before Covid came along.
Headaches long term issue - pre COVID,
I have always got occasional headaches which are relieved with a painkiller
I get migraines
Aches and pains are not symptoms to me as have been having it through out old age
They were just general aches and pains i suffer all the time
Have had same for a few years
Live with chronic pain and smoking.
conditions relate to open heart surgery
My pain is due to Arthritis
Experience aches and pains for a number of years due to Chronic neuropathy and I have had headaches since childhood
Chronic backache that has been identified prior to COVID
Have aches and pains always and am an asthmatic
normal aches & pains-Arthritis

Aches and pains are due to known causes
These are ongoing (permanent) symptoms of a chronic condition and I know what caused them - they aren't COVID. I have had them since 2015
I have severe arthritis & a mild heart issue
I often have headaches
Symptoms ongoing due to advancing years
Chronic symptoms
Some of the symptoms are chronic things I've had for decades, so I have no reason to suspect they're COVID related.
Unchanged chronic health condition
All these symptoms are normal for me and have absolutely nothing to do with COVID
They are the same symptoms that I've had for the past four or five years so I very much doubt they're related to Covid. They are more a result of ageing
I suffer from chronic conditions and these are the symptoms I always have. When I had a fever recently, though I suffer from them regularly, I had a covid test and was negative.
These are long term symptoms of asthma and anxiety.
symptoms were nothing to do with covid, general aches and pains that i get in my knees
Have had the sore throat over many years
I am smoker hence the cough and a diabetic hence the meds give me diahorrea if I do not take them with food
symptoms were from hayfever
i get diarrhoea on a monthly basis,
, I also suffer with hayfever
I get these same symptoms every time I get my period
It was a menstrual migraine that happens once a month before my period – not COVID related
Headache due to period pain due to back injury
I have had these types of symptoms for many years now and know that they are only an annual affliction.
Hayfever symptoms I get every year
it was hay fever
<b>Know it is not COVID</b>
NOT THE VIRUS.
I reported general fatigue, nothing related to Covid
The aches and pains were not associated with Covid
I know symptoms are not covid
aches and pain are not Covid related. No other symptoms
Not Covid symptoms
I have been double vaccinated 2 dose in July
Aches were an isolated symptom, and were related to poor sleep.
<b>Vaccination</b>
result of vaccine
Symptoms from vaccine
I know my symptoms were due to my anaemia and COVID-19 vaccine.

Symptoms were due to vaccine
They were side effects of getting the covid vaccination and went away after a couple of days
The rest of the symptoms were side effects from the COVID vaccine.
Assumed symptoms were in response to vaccination
Headache was due to 2nd vaccination
Just had 2nd vaccine and was told it was side effect
<b>Explained by behaviour or circumstances</b>
Had not been anywhere to contact covid
Not been anywhere. Not seen anyone.
Haven't left the house
i havent been anywhere to catch it
I been no where, done nothing because those idiots Dan and Bret wont let me
<b>Don't believe in COVID</b>
<b>Misc.</b>
Does not apply to me
Would serve no useful purpose to any relevant person
I have had Covid and I suffer these symptoms because of my illness
I don't know
Not worried about it
I must have ticked the wrong button -no symptoms

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<b>Mild Symptoms</b>
<b>Pre-existing</b>
its a stress headache which I get often
Symptoms were not covid they are from my asthma and rhinitis which I've had for 20 years
heart surgery
Only headache
These are not just a recent onset of symptoms they are from my ongoing health conditions and
I have chronic sinusitis and know the symptoms very well
symptom was due to a food-related illness
I have headaches every day before covid was around
<b>Current and explicable</b>
it was a self inflicted headache I got drunk the night before and was very hung over hence the headache
Symptom as a result of over eating rich food
Other things caused them
I get these symptoms for years on off
Other medical explanation
Injured shoulder
<b>Seasonal/regular</b>
I've had one AZ vaccine and my symptoms are due to my monthly periods where I get the same symptoms each month
<b>Know it is not COVID</b>
symptoms were not covid related
Didnt think these are covid related
It's not Covid
<b>Vaccination</b>
result of vaccine
Symptoms from vaccine
<b>Explained by behaviour or circumstances</b>
I have not been out of the home to catch covid.. my health has remained the same since prior to the pandemic.
do not leave home
<b>Don't believe in COVID</b>
This is all overblown
<b>Misc</b>
Why should I ?
was booked in for today
Have had these symptoms since January 2021

