New Zealand – Situation update 25 January 2021

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**Information presented in this assessment is based on data presented on the
New Zealand Ministry of Health website.**

| **Summary of New Zealand Cases as at 1100h, 25 January 2021** |
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|  | **Total** | **Change in last 5 days** |
| **Confirmed cases**  | 1932 | 21 |
| **Probable cases** | 356 | 0 |
| **Total (confirmed and probable)** | 2288 | 21 |
| **Recovered cases** | 2199 | 33 |
| **Deaths** | 25 | 0 |
| **Active cases** | 64 | -12 |
| **Current hospitalised** | 0 | 0 |

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| **Source of acquisition of cases for the 5 days to 25 January 2021** |
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| **Overseas acquired/associated\*** | 21 |
| **Locally acquired** | 0 |

*\*Cases acquired while in managed isolation (quarantine) in New Zealand are categorised by the New Zealand Ministry of Health as ‘at the border’, which is included in the above table as ‘Overseas acquired/associated’.*

# New Zealand quarantine-free travel criteria

* Australia has temporarily paused ‘green safe travel zone’ flights for 72hrs from 1400hrs AEDT, 25 January 2021.
* The Department of Health will be monitoring this situation and this decision will be revisited prior to the completion of the 72hr period.

**To note:**

* The New Zealand Ministry of Health (24 January 2021) confirmed that a case who recently travelled from overseas and completed their stay in managed isolation in Auckland has subsequently tested positive for COVID-19.
* New Zealand Ministry of Health also reports that whole genome sequencing results have confirmed that the case contracted the South African variant, B.1.351. This is a variant of concern.

# Summary of New Zealand locally acquired cases

| **Date** | **Locally acquired cases** | **Rolling 3-day average** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **21 January 2021** | 0 | 0 |
| **22 January 2021** | 0 | 0 |
| **23 January 2021** | 0 | 0 |
| **24 January 2021** | 0 | 0 |
| **25 January 2021** | 0\* | 0 |

\* *The current case of COVID-19 identified in the community is categorised by the New Zealand Ministry of Health as ‘at the border’ rather than ‘in the community’, which is why the table contains ‘0’ cases for the category of ‘locally acquired cases’.*

|  | **Notification Date\*** | **Number of days**  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Last locally acquired case  | 18/11/20 | 68 days |
| Last locally acquired case of unknown source  | 1/09/20 | 146 days |

*\*Date of notification to New Zealand Ministry of Health has been used, which may differ from the date reported in media release*

*Approved electronically by A/g Chief Medical Officer on 26 January 2021*

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