



New Zealand – Situation update

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Information presented in this assessment is based on New Zealand's publicly available information provided on the New Zealand Ministry of Health website. ¹

Summary of Cases as at 1100h, 17 February 2021

	Total	Change in last 7 days
Confirmed cases	1984	16*
Probable cases	356	0
Total (confirmed and probable)	2340	16
Deaths	26	1
Current hospitalised	0	-1

*Although 17 new cases were reported in the past seven days, the number of confirmed cases only increased by 16 because one previously confirmed case has now been reclassified as under investigation.

Source of acquisition of cases* for the 7 days to 17 February 2021

Overseas acquired/associated	12**
Locally acquired	5

* New Zealand categorises overseas acquired/associated cases (including those in managed isolation in New Zealand) as 'at the border'; New Zealand categorises locally acquired cases as 'in the community'.

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¹ <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

New Zealand quarantine-free travel criteria

- The New Zealand Ministry of Health reported two new cases of COVID-19 on 17 February 2021.
- These two cases add to the initial 3 cases detected in the community and reported on 14 February 2021.
- Whole genome sequencing has confirmed the UK variant B.1.1.7 for two of 3 cases reported on 14 February 2021. Genome sequencing has not yet been confirmed for other cases.
- Auckland's Alert Level 3 lockdown, which commenced at 23:59 on 14 February 2021 will move to Alert Level 2 from midnight NZDT, 17 February 2021. The rest of New Zealand will move to Level 1.
- New Zealand will review this on Monday 22 February 2021.

Pause of green zone flights from New Zealand

- Australia will temporarily pause 'green zone' flights from New Zealand for a further 72 hours entailing that all passengers on flights originating in New Zealand up until 12.01am (AEDT) on Sunday, 21 February, will need to go into 14 days of supervised hotel quarantine on arrival in Australia.
- The Department of Health is monitoring the situation.

Summary of locally acquired cases

Date	Locally acquired cases	Rolling 3-day average
11 February 2021	0	0
12 February 2021	0	0
13 February 2021	0	0
14 February 2021	2	0.67
15 February 2021	1	1.0
16 February 2021	0	1.0
17 February 2021	2	1.0

	Notification Date	Number of days
Last locally acquired case	17/02/21	0
Last locally acquired case of unknown source	13/02/21*	3

*There is no identified source of infection for Case A at 17 February 2021, and therefore, this constitutes a case of unknown source. We note the New Zealand Ministry of Health has not yet classified this case as the last locally acquired of unknown source in New Zealand.



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