



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, 3 March 2021

	Total	Change in last 7 days
Confirmed cases	2028	19
Probable cases	356	0
Total (confirmed and probable)	2384	19
Deaths	26	0
Current hospitalised	0	0

Source of acquisition of cases* for the 7 days to 3 March 2021

Overseas acquired/associated	15
Locally acquired	4

* 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'.

New Zealand quarantine-free travel criteria

- Since 13 February, the New Zealand Ministry of Health has reported 15 new cases of COVID-19 in one cluster (Cases A to O) linked to the Papatoetoe High School in South Auckland, which spans four households.
- Four most recent cases (Cases L, M, N, and O) were officially reported between 26 February and 1 March 2021.

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

- Cases A, B, C and H have recovered from their infection and have been released from quarantine. The remaining cases are in an Auckland quarantine facility.
- Whole genome sequencing for Cases A, B, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N and O shows the cases are linked, and the virus isolate in question is the UK variant B1.1.7.
- On 0600 NZDT 28 February 2021, Auckland moved to Alert Level 3, and the remainder of New Zealand to Alert Level 2, for seven days (until 7 March 2021).

Advice for green zone flights from New Zealand

- On 24 February 2021, the Chief Medical Officer advised:
As a result of the recent community transmission of a variant of concern in Auckland, New Zealand, Auckland will be designated a Commonwealth hotspot. No person who has been in Auckland in the last 14 days will be permitted to board a green flight into Australia. Auckland airport, for the purposes of travel only, is exempt. Normal green flight arrangements will continue for travellers who have not been in Auckland in the last 14 days.
- These arrangements commenced at 11.59 pm AEDT Wednesday, 24 February 2021 and operate until 11.59 pm AEDT 6 March 2021.
- There is no change to the arrangements for air crew.
- This Hotspot declaration is reviewed every 72 hours, and was last reviewed on 2 March 2021.
- Note: some jurisdictions have implemented arrangements which differ to those above. All Travellers are advised to check the arrangements in both their place of arrival and place of final destination.

Summary of locally acquired cases

Date	Locally acquired cases	Rolling 3-day average
25 February 2021	0	1
26 February 2021	1	0.33
27 February 2021	0	0.33
28 February 2021	2	1
1 March 2021	1	1
2 March 2021	0	1
3 March 2021	0	0.33

	Notification Date	Number of days
Last locally acquired case	1/03/21	2
Last locally acquired case of unknown source	13/02/21*	18

*There is no identified source of infection for Case A at 24 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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