New Zealand – Situation update
28 April 2021

**Information presented in this assessment is based on New Zealand’s publicly available information provided on the New Zealand Ministry of Health website.[[1]](#footnote-2)**

# Current Assessment Summary

* There are no new cases associated with the Auckland border worker who tested positive to COVID-19 on 20 April 2021.
* The border worker is employed at Auckland airport to clean airplanes, a non-public facing role.
* The case was routinely tested on a weekly basis as a requirement of employment. The person last tested negative on 12 April 2021; and returned a positive test result on 20 April 2021 (sample collected 19 April).
* The case was fully vaccinated and the second vaccination occurred during mid-March which suggests that full immunity should have been achieved.
* The case worked three shifts between 17 and 20 April 2021. This person is estimated to have been infectious from 17 April 2021.
* The person is reported to have complied with all protocols including using PPE while cleaning the planes, and had not contact with outbound passengers. . Crew who were on the plane during the cleaning and subsequently flew to Australia were followed up and isolated and tested according to their level of contact.
* A total of 39 close contacts of the border worker, including 22 work colleagues, have been identified are in self-isolation.
* All 39 contacts have returned negative initial test results.
* All close contacts are continuing to self-isolate and will be re-tested.
* Health officials are in daily communication with all contacts to monitor their health and confirm testing dates.
* There are three locations of interest identified – all are in Auckland. New Zealand has categorised anyone that has attended these locations as a casual contact.
* The event is considered a low risk to the public.
* All of New Zealand is at Alert Level 1.

| **Summary of Cases as at 11:00 AEDT, 28 April 2021** |
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|  | **Total** | **Change in last 7 days** |
| **Confirmed cases**  | 2,254 | 11\* |
| **Deaths** | 26 | 0 |
| **Current hospitalised** | 1 | 0 |

*\*While New Zealand has reported 15 newly confirmed cases this week, the net increase of confirmed cases is 11; one previous case was reclassified as ‘under investigation’ and three previously reported cases were reclassified as ‘not cases’.*

| **Source of acquisition of cases\* for the 7 days to 28 April 2021** |
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| **Overseas acquired/associated** | 15\*\* |
| **Locally acquired** | 0 |

*\*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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Summary of locally acquired cases

| **Date** | **Locally acquired cases** | **Rolling 3-day average** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 22 April 2021 | 0 | 0 |
| 23 April 2021 | 0 | 0 |
| 24 April 2021 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 April 2021 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 April 2021 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 April 2021 | 0 | 0 |
| 28 April 2021 | 0 | 0 |

|  | **Notification Date** | **Number of days**  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Last locally acquired case  | 20/04/2021 | 8 |
| Last locally acquired case of unknown source  | 13/02/2021 | 74 |

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1. <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)