



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

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.

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

- 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

	Total	Change in last 7 days
Confirmed cases	2,254	11*
Deaths	26	0
Current hospitalised	1	0

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Source of acquisition of cases* for the 7 days to 28 April 2021

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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