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]](#footnote-2)**

| **Summary of Cases as at 11:00 AEDT, 31 March 2021** | | |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Change in last 7 days** |
| **Confirmed cases** | 2141 | 27 |
| **Deaths** | 26 | 0 |
| **Current hospitalised** | 0 | 0 |

| **Source of acquisition of cases\* for the 7 days to 31 March 2021** | |
| --- | --- |
| **Overseas acquired/associated** | 27 |
| **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’.*

# New Zealand – COVID-19 Situation

* On 22 March 2021, New Zealand reported a positive COVID-19 test result in a border worker at the Grand Millennium Hotel, Auckland.
  + The case was identified through fortnightly routine testing and remains asymptomatic.
  + Whole genome sequencing showed that the case was infected with the B.1.1.7 strain of COVID-19. The sequence was closely linked to that found in a returned traveller who was at the Grand Millennium Hotel 13 – 15 March 2021.
  + All identified contacts have returned negative test results for COVID-19 to date.

# Summary of locally acquired cases

| **Date** | **Locally acquired cases** | **Rolling 3-day average** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **25 March 2021** | 0 | 0 |
| **26 March 2021** | 0 | 0 |
| **27 March 2021** | 0 | 0 |
| **28 March 2021** | 0 | 0 |
| **29 March 2021** | 0 | 0 |
| **30 March 2021** | 0 | 0 |
| **31 March 2021** | 0 | 0 |

|  | **Notification Date** | **Number of days** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Last locally acquired case | 22/03/21 | 9 |
| Last locally acquired case of unknown source | 13/02/21 | 46 |

[SIGNED ELECTRONICALLY BY ACTING CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER MICHAEL KIDD ON 31 MARCH 2021]

Acting Chief Medical Officer

Professor Michael Kidd

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