New Zealand – Situation update   
8 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)**

Due to the notification on 8 April 2021 that a border worker in New Zealand tested positive to COVID-19 this report covers the previous 8-days (rather than 7-day period).

# New Zealand – COVID-19 Situation

* On 8 April 2021, New Zealand reported a new case in a 24 year old border worker (security guard) from the Grand Millennium Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ) facility in Auckland.
* The case:
  + has not been vaccinated.
  + isolated at home overnight, and is now transferred to a MIQ.
  + worked the Easter long weekend but did not work or visit anyone yesterday.
  + lives alone and the only close contact identified to date is a work colleague. This colleague is in isolation and has been fully vaccinated.
* Public health authorities continue to conduct interviews and scope the investigation to clarify the infectious period in the community and identify any other close contacts, and any locations of interest.
* We continue to work closely with the New Zealand Ministry of Health and monitor this situation closely.

| **Summary of Cases as at 11:00 AEDT, 8 April 2021** | | |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Change in last 8 days** |
| **Confirmed cases** | 2,199 | 54\* |
| **Deaths** | 26 | 0 |
| **Current hospitalised** | 0 | 0 |

*\*Although New Zealand reported 55 new cases in the past eight days, the total of confirmed cases only increased by 54 because a previous case was identified as being a historical infection acquired overseas and reclassified to ‘not a case’.*

| **Source of acquisition of cases\* for the 8 days to 8 April 2021** | |
| --- | --- |
| **Overseas acquired/associated** | 54\*\* |
| **Locally acquired** | 1 |

*\*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 reported 55 new cases in the past eight days. However, as noted for the “Summary of Cases “ table above, the total of confirmed cases only increased by 54. The “Source of acquisition of cases” table notes total new cases reported over the last 8 days.*

# Summary of locally acquired cases

| **Date** | **Locally acquired cases** | **Rolling 3-day average** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **1 April 2021** | 0 | 0 |
| 2 April 2021 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 April 2021 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 April 2021 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 April 2021 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 April 2021 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 April 2021 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 April 2021 | 1 | 0.33 |

|  | **Notification Date** | **Number of days** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Last locally acquired case | 08/04/2021 | 0 |
| Last locally acquired case of unknown source | 13/02/2021 | 54 |



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