New Zealand – Situation update   
26 May 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 have been no locally acquired cases of COVID-19 in the last 36 days
* All of New Zealand is at Alert Level 1.
* New Zealand is currently accepting passengers under ‘green zone’ travel arrangements from all Australian states and territories except Victoria.
  + From 7.59 pm NZST 25 May 2021, New Zealand’s quarantine-free travel with Victoria will be paused for an initial period of 72 hours. The pause will be under constant review.

| **Summary of Cases as at 11:00 AEDT, 26 May 2021** | | |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Change in last 7 days** |
| **Confirmed cases** | 2313 | 11\* |
| **Deaths** | 26 | 0 |
| **Current hospitalised** | 0 | 0 |

\*In the last 7 days, New Zealand reported 16 active overseas acquired cases (all in managed isolation). Five (5) previously reported cases were reclassified as ‘not a case’. This has resulted in a net increase of 11 cases in the past 7 days, which accounts for the total change in confirmed cases.

| **Source of acquisition of cases\* for the 7 days to 26 May 2021** | |
| --- | --- |
| **Overseas acquired/associated** | 16\*\* |
| **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**

|  | **Notification Date** | **Number of days** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Last locally acquired case | 20/04/2021 | 36 |
| Last locally acquired case of unknown source | 13/02/2021 | 102 |



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