



New Zealand – Situation update

14 July 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 have been no locally acquired cases of COVID-19 in the last 7 days.
- Two mariners who transited through Auckland airport tested positive in an on-arrival test for COVID-19. By the time the test results were available, they were aboard their vessel (Viking Bay) off the coast of New Zealand.
 - The ship subsequently returned to Wellington and all 20 crew members were tested. Fifteen returned positive results and were transferred to a managed quarantine facility.
 - On 13 July 2021, one of the five remaining crew members became unwell and was transferred to an on-shore quarantine facility in Wellington. This crew member has previously returned a negative test result. A further test result is expected late on 14 July 2021.
 - The four remaining crew members have stayed on the vessel to comply with maritime safety requirements. They are subject to additional testing in coming days.
 - Genome sequencing has revealed that twelve of the crew are infected with the Delta variant. These twelve cases are linked to each other but not to the first case detected on the vessel.
- A second ship, the Spanish flagged Playa Zahara, has reported a flu-like illness among crew members. The boat docked at a quarantine berth, testing was conducted and then the boat moved offshore. If all crew test negative, the boat will return to harbour to undertake a crew exchange.
- New Zealand assesses that due to infection control protocols, there was minimal risk to the public and both these events are a low risk.
 - There are no associated locations of interest.
- All of New Zealand is at Alert Level 1.

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

	Total
Cumulative confirmed cases – last week	2,407
New cases – managed quarantine	28
New cases – locally acquired	0
Cases removed or reclassified	-1
Cumulative confirmed cases – this week	2,434

Hospitalisations and deaths

Cumulative deaths	26
Currently hospitalised	0

Summary of locally acquired cases

	Notification Date	Number of days
Last locally acquired case	20/04/2021	85
Last locally acquired case of unknown source	13/02/2021	151

Travel impacts

- New Zealand has resumed quarantine-free travel with WA, NT, QLD, ACT, SA, TAS and VIC.
- Quarantine-free travel from these jurisdictions will not be permitted for people who have been in a location of interest in Australia; or in NSW after 2230 hours NZT on 26 June 2021.
- Quarantine-free travel from NSW to New Zealand remains paused.
- Travellers from eligible jurisdictions are required to provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within three days (72 hours) of departure.



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