



New Zealand – Situation update

7 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 currently aboard a ship off the coast of New Zealand have tested positive for COVID-19.
 - They are part of a group of nine mariners who transited through Auckland airport on 5 July 2021.
 - All nine mariners tested negative prior to travelling to New Zealand and were re-tested upon arrival in New Zealand prior to transfer to their ship.
 - Two of the mariners returned positive tests.
 - The remaining seven mariners have returned negative test results and have fully complied with infection prevention and control measures.
 - Genome sequencing is underway to determine the variant involved.
- New Zealand assesses that due to infection control protocols, there was minimal risk to the public.
 - Two port workers and the driver who transported the mariners have been placed in isolation as a precaution and are being tested. All three are fully vaccinated.
- There are no associated locations of interest.
- All of New Zealand is at Alert Level 1.

	Total
Cumulative confirmed cases – last week	2,386
New cases – managed quarantine	25
New cases – locally acquired	0

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

	Total
Cases removed or reclassified	-4
Cumulative confirmed cases – this week	2,407

Hospitalisations and deaths

Cumulative deaths	26
Currently hospitalised	1

Summary of locally acquired cases

	Notification Date	Number of days
Last locally acquired case	20/04/2021	78
Last locally acquired case of unknown source	13/02/2021	144

Travel impacts

- Quarantine-free travel between all Australian states and territories and New Zealand was paused from 2030 hrs NZT Saturday 26 June until 2359 hrs NZT Tuesday 29 June 2021.
- New Zealand resumed quarantine-free travel with ACT, SA, Tas and Vic from 2359 hrs NZT 04 July 2021.
- **New Zealand announced that quarantine-free travel with WA and NT will resume from 2359 hrs NZT 09 July 2021.**
- **Quarantine-free travel from NSW and QLD to New Zealand will remain paused.**
- **Travellers from eligible jurisdictions are required to provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within three days (72 hrs) of departure.**
- **Quarantine-free travel from these jurisdictions will not be permitted for people who have been in NSW or QLD after 2230 hrs NZT on 26 June 2021 or at any Australian location of interest before then.**



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