



New Zealand – Situation Update

25 August 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

- New Zealand's officially recorded total of locally acquired cases is 210, at the time of this report.
- New Zealand moved to Alert Level 4 at 2359 hrs NZT, Tuesday 17 August 2021. New Zealand announced that the Auckland region will stay in Level 4 until 11:59pm on Tuesday 31 August 2021 and the rest of New Zealand will remain at Alert Level 4 until 11:59pm on Friday 27 August 2021.
- On 17 August 2021, New Zealand reported a case of COVID-19 in the community. Case A is an unvaccinated 58-year-old male from north Auckland who was tested on 16 August 2021 after presenting to his GP on 14 August 2021 with flu-like symptoms. Case A is considered to have been infectious from Thursday 12 August 2021. Whole genome sequencing confirmed Case A has the Delta variant.
- Of the 210 locally acquired cases reported in the current outbreak, at least 59 cases are not yet linked.
- 198 of these cases are in Auckland and 12 of these cases are in Wellington.
- There are currently 12 hospitalisations.
- At 1400 hrs NZT 25 August 2021, there are 485 locations of interest tabled that have been reported in Coromandel, Auckland, Wellington, and central north island.
- As at 0900 hrs NZT 25 August 2021, 20,383 contacts have been identified. 62 per cent of these contacts have been tested.
- There have been no positive wastewater test results since 23 August 2021. Positive wastewater testing results were returned from eight sites across Auckland from samples collected on 22 and 23 August 2021. Positive wastewater results were also returned from samples collected at Moa Point in Wellington on 21, 22 and 23 August 2021 and from a sample collected from Warkworth, north of Auckland on 22 August 2021. There were known cases located in each catchment returning a positive wastewater test.

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

Summary	Total
Cumulative confirmed cases – last week	2,580
New cases – managed quarantine	21
New cases – locally acquired	204
Cases removed or reclassified	-2
Cumulative confirmed cases – this week	2,803

Hospitalisations and deaths

Cumulative deaths	26
Currently hospitalised	12

Summary of locally acquired cases

	Notification Date	Number of days
Last locally acquired case	25/08/2021	0
Last locally acquired case of unknown source	17/08/2021	8

Travel impacts

- On 23 August 2021, the Australian Chief Medical Officer announced that the Australian Government would continue the pause of green zone flights from New Zealand to Australia until 11:59pm (AEST) on 27 August 2021. Until this time, all flights originating in New Zealand will be classified as Red Zone flights. The pause will be reviewed on 27 August 2021.
- Quarantine-free travel from all Australian states and territories to New Zealand was suspended from 23 July 2021 due to the worsening COVID-19 situation in Australia. The suspension will be for a minimum period of eight weeks and will be reviewed in September 2021.



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