



New Zealand – Situation Update

4 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

- There have been no locally acquired cases of COVID-19 in the last 7 days.
- A number of crew on maritime vessels arriving in New Zealand in July 2021 tested positive for COVID-19, with the Delta variant confirmed among these cases. These events are being managed in accordance with public health protocols and are considered low risk.
 - The 'Mattina' container ship remains in quarantine at a secure berth in Bluff. As at 4 August 2021, 13 of the original 21 mariners remain onboard the vessel. One mariner is in Southland Hospital, two are in separate arranged accommodations, and five crew are in managed isolation in Christchurch.
 - The 'Viking Bay' fishing vessel departed New Zealand on 2 August 2021 with all crew on board following recovery. No further reporting on this vessel will be provided.
 - The 'Playa Zahara' fishing vessel departed New Zealand on 29 July 2021 following the recovery of all crew members. No further reporting on this vessel will be provided.
- New Zealand assesses that due to infection control protocols, there was minimal risk to the public and these events are all considered a low risk.
 - There are no associated locations of interest.
- All of New Zealand is at Alert Level 1.

Summary	Total
Cumulative confirmed cases – last week	2,508
New cases – managed quarantine	17
New cases – locally acquired	0
Cases removed or reclassified	- 2
Cumulative confirmed cases – this week	2,523

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

Hospitalisations and deaths

Cumulative deaths	26
Currently hospitalised	2

Summary of locally acquired cases

	Notification Date	Number of days
Last locally acquired case	20/04/2021	106
Last locally acquired case of unknown source	13/02/2021	172

Travel impacts

- Quarantine-free travel from all Australian states and territories to New Zealand was suspended from 2359 hrs NZST Friday 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.**
- Eligible travellers needing to return to New Zealand from all Australian states (except New South Wales) were provided a 7-day return window which ended at 11.59pm on Friday 30 July.
- Aside from managed return flights operating between 9 to 22 August from New South Wales, flights are not operating to New Zealand from elsewhere in Australia at this time.



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