



New Zealand – Situation Update

1 September 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 has officially recorded a total of **687** locally acquired cases in the current outbreak, at the time of this report.
- Currently, all of New Zealand south of Auckland is at Alert Level 3. Northland is at Alert Level 4 until at least 2359 hrs NZT on Thursday 02 September 2021.
- Auckland remains at Alert Level 4 with the Government of New Zealand to review the situation on Monday 13 September 2021.
- On 17 August 2021, New Zealand reported a case of COVID-19 in the community. This case (Case A) is considered to have been infectious from Thursday 12 August 2021. Whole genome sequencing confirmed Case A has the Delta variant, with the closest international match being the current New South Wales cluster.
- Of the **687** cases reported in the current outbreak, **55** cases are not yet linked.
- There are currently **32** hospitalisations, **with eight in ICU and three ventilated**.
- Of the locally acquired cases, **671** are in Auckland and **16** of these cases are in Wellington.
- At **1600 hrs NZT 01 September 2021** there are **366** locations of interest events tabled that have been reported **across the North Island including across the greater Auckland region** and Wellington.
- As at **1300 hrs NZT 01 September 2021**, **34,832** contacts have been identified.
 - **91** per cent of these contacts have been tested.
- Positive wastewater testing results continue to be returned from multiple sites across Auckland.
- Positive wastewater results were also returned from samples collected at Moa Point in Wellington on 21, 22, 23 and 27 August 2021 but the sample collected from Moa Point on 30 August 2021 tested negative.
- A wastewater sample collected from Warkworth, north of Auckland on 22 August 2021 tested positive. 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	2,803
New cases – managed quarantine	8
New cases – locally acquired	480
Cases removed or reclassified*	-3
Cumulative confirmed cases – this week	3,288

**Reclassified cases are calculated from NZ Ministry of Health official reports, daily press conferences and media releases, as they are not uniformly reported via one source.*

Hospitalisations and deaths

Cumulative deaths	26
Currently hospitalised	32

Summary of locally acquired cases

	Notification Date	Number of days
Last locally acquired case	01/09/2021	0
Last locally acquired case of unknown source	17/08/2021	15

Travel impacts

- On 31 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 07 September 2021. Until this time, all flights originating in New Zealand will be classified as Red Zone flights. The pause will be reviewed on 7 September 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 reviewed in September 2021.



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