



New Zealand – Situation Update

8 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 **855** locally acquired cases in the current outbreak, at the time of this report.
- **Currently, all of New Zealand except for Auckland is at Alert Level 2.**
- **Auckland remains at Alert Level 4 with the Government of New Zealand to review Alert Levels for all regions 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 **855** cases reported in the current outbreak, **25** cases are not yet linked.
- There are currently **37** hospitalisations, with **six** in ICU and **four** ventilated. **One death attributed to COVID-19 in connection with this outbreak, of a person aged in their nineties with underlying health conditions, was reported on 4 September 2021.**
- Of the locally acquired cases, **838** are in Auckland and 17 of these cases are in Wellington.
- At **1400 hrs NZT 08 September 2021** there are **127** 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 08 September 2021**, **38,018** contacts have been identified.
 - **91 per cent of these contacts have returned at least one test result.**
- **Positive wastewater testing results continue to be returned from nearly 200 sites across New Zealand. Positive samples have only been found in Auckland and in the Christchurch and Rotorua catchments - all of which include managed quarantine facilities. No unexpected positive results have been returned from wastewater testing in the past seven days.**

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

Summary	Total
Cumulative confirmed cases – last week	3,288
New cases – managed quarantine	20
New cases – locally acquired	173
Cases removed or reclassified*	-8
Cumulative confirmed cases – this week	3,473

**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	27
Currently hospitalised	37

Summary of locally acquired cases

	Notification Date	Number of days
Last locally acquired case	08/09/2021	0
Last locally acquired case of unknown source	17/08/2021	22

Travel impacts

- On 07 September 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 14 September 2021. Until this time, all flights originating in New Zealand will be classified as Red Zone flights. The pause will be reviewed on 14 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 by New Zealand in September 2021.



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