



New Zealand – Situation Update

3 November 2021

As a result of changes to the entry requirements for travellers returning to Australia, this will be the last weekly situation update on the COVID-19 pandemic in New Zealand produced by the National Incident Centre. For those wishing more information on the status of the pandemic in New Zealand, please check the New Zealand Ministry of Health website: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

Information presented in this assessment is based on New Zealand's publicly available information provided on the New Zealand Ministry of Health website.

Current Assessment Summary

- New Zealand has officially recorded a total of **3,733** locally acquired cases in connection with the current outbreak.
- As at 3 November 2021:
 - The Auckland region is at Alert Level 3, step 1.
 - The northern and western parts of Waikato are at Alert Level 3, step 2.
 - Upper Northland is at Alert Level 3.
 - The rest of New Zealand remains at Alert Level 2.
 - All Current Alert Level settings will be reviewed on 8 November 2021.

Outbreak Summary

- Of the **3,733** cases reported in the current outbreak, **441 active** cases are currently unlinked.
- There are currently **58** hospitalisations, with **three** in ICU.
- Most active cases are in the Auckland region, with **99** active cases in Waikato, **11** in Northland, **one** in Nelson/Marlborough and **four** in Canterbury.
- **No new cases have been identified following the cases previously reported from the South Island.**
- As at **10:00am NZT 3 November 2021**, there are **335** locations of interest events tabled that have been reported across New Zealand, most of which are in the Auckland region. Some locations have been listed outside of Auckland including in Wellington, Napier, Rotorua, and multiple locations in Northland and Waikato (all on the North Island of New Zealand) and Blenheim and Christchurch on the South Island.
- As at **11:00am NZT 3 November 2021**, **3,502** active contacts are being managed.
 - **76** per cent of these people have been contacted, and **73** per cent have returned at least one test result.

- Wastewater sample collection has been arranged from locations across New Zealand with additional sites added within Auckland, Northland, Waikato and Manawātū-Whanganui regions following the identification of cases in the broader region. In the latest results reported, there have been no unexpected detections reported.

Summary	Total
Cumulative confirmed cases – last week	5,539
New cases – managed quarantine	30
New cases – locally acquired	905
Cases removed or reclassified*	-3
Cumulative confirmed cases – this week	6,471

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

Hospitalisations and deaths	Total
Cumulative deaths	28
Currently hospitalised	58

Travel impacts

- Quarantine-free travel from Australia to New Zealand is currently suspended and will be reviewed in November 2021.
- As at 1 November 2021, one-way quarantine-free travel from New Zealand to Australia recommenced for jurisdictions that are ready to do so. All travellers are required to:
 - Have been in either Australia or New Zealand for 14 days prior to departure.
 - Show proof of a negative pre-departure PCR test within 3 days of the departure flight to Australia, and a completed declaration to this effect; and
 - Show evidence of full vaccination against COVID-19 consistent with the ATAGI definition of fully vaccinated with a TGA approved or recognised vaccine.



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