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## Media release

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Today the Ministry of Health is very pleased to report no active cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand.

The Ministry has been notified by Auckland Regional Public Health that its remaining case has been symptom free for 48 hours and is regarded as recovered. The person has now been released from isolation.

Their case had been linked to the St Margaret's Hospital & Rest Home cluster in Auckland.

"This is really good news for the person concerned, and it's also something the rest of New Zealand can take heart from," says Director-General of Health Dr Ashley Bloomfield.

"Having no active cases for the first time since February 28 is certainly a significant mark in our journey but as we've previously said, ongoing vigilance against COVID-19 will continue to be essential."

In this instance the individual was listed earlier on as a probable case but was removed when they tested negative for COVID-19. Then at a later date when they again became unwell, they tested positive. They were then included in the national tally as a confirmed case.

Further analysis confirmed that they did not have a COVID-19 infection the first time around and our reporting now reflects that more accurately. The data table on the Ministry website has changed to reflect the date that they were confirmed as being infected.

It is now 17 days since the last new case was reported in New Zealand.

Our total number of confirmed cases remains at 1,154, which is the number we report to the World Health Organization.

Our combined total of confirmed and probable cases remains at 1,504.

The number of recovered cases is now 1,482.

There are no additional deaths to report.

There is no one in New Zealand receiving hospital-level care for COVID-19.

Yesterday our laboratories completed 800 tests, bringing the total number of tests completed to date to 294,848 - lower testing volumes are regularly observed over weekends.

We are keeping our testing approach under constant review. New Zealanders can be assured that our capacity remains high and that testing at the border and in our communities will continue to be an essential part of our COVID-19 elimination strategy.

We want to encourage and remind everyone that if they have any respiratory symptoms, they should seek advice from Healthline, their GP or after-hours clinic about getting tested. Testing is free.

Eight significant clusters have closed, this is unchanged from yesterday.

A cluster is considered to be closed when there have been no new cases for two incubation periods (i.e. 28 days) from the date when all cases have completed isolation.





The NZ COVID Tracer app has now recorded 522,000 registrations – that's an increase of 5,000 since this time yesterday.

We continue to encourage as many people as possible to download and use the app. This will support our contact tracing efforts including when we move to Level 1.

The number of posters created by businesses is now 37,504. The total number of poster scans to date is 734,415.

Find more details on QR codes (/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-resources-and-tools/nz-covid-tracer-app/nz-covid-tracer-qr-codes).

There are also email addresses to contact our team if people need help.

The mailbox for app feedback is  $\underline{tracingapp-feedback@health.govt.nz}. \underline{(mailto:tracingapp-feedback@health.govt.nz)}.$ 

The mailbox for businesses/organisations who want help with their QR codes is <a href="mailto:app@tracing.min.health.nz">app@tracing.min.health.nz</a> (mailto:app@tracing.min.health.nz).

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