Covid-19 update: Five new cases reported in New Zealand today - four in community, one in isolation

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There have been five new cases of Covid-19 reported in New Zealand today - four in the community and one in managed isolation.

In a statement, the Health Ministry said the four community cases were all linked to the Auckland cluster.

The Ministry also confirmed that a Christchurch person who was under further investigation has now been confirmed as not a case of Covid-19.

All of today's community cases are linked to the Mt Roskill Evangelical Church group.
The imported case is a man in his 20s who arrived from India on 23 August and - who has been staying in an Auckland isolation facility. He is a close contact of an earlier confirmed case and is now in quarantine.

The Ministry said its contact tracing team has identified 3217 close contacts of cases since 11 August, of which 3187 have been contacted and are self-isolating.

There are currently four people with Covid-19 in hospital - two in North Shore Hospital's general ward, one in a general ward at Middlemore Hospital and one in intensive care at Waikato Hospital.

The total number of active cases is now 116, with one previously reported cases now considered to have recovered. The active cases include 39 imported cases and 77 community cases.

New Zealand's total number of confirmed cases of the coronavirus is now 1421.

The Ministry said 7178 tests were processed in New Zealand labs yesterday.

There was no media conference held today.


New Zealand's death toll from the coronavirus rose to 24 this week, with two further deaths, including former Cook Islands prime minister and South Auckland GP Dr Joe Williams (https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/425339/williams-death-stark-reminder-to-vulnerable-communities-gp).

- more to come


If you have symptoms (https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/covid-19/412497/covid-19-symptoms-what-they-are-and-how-they-make-you-feel) of the coronavirus, call the NZ Covid-19 Healthline on 0800 358 5453 (+64 9 358 5453 for international SIMs) or call your GP - don't show up at a medical centre

Read more about the Covid-19 coronavirus:

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