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National Health Advisory: Update on novel coronavirus (COVID-19) response – 28 February 2020

This is to inform you that today, Friday 28 February 2020, the Ministry of Health's National Health Coordination Centre was notified of the first laboratory confirmed case of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) in New Zealand.

The case is in isolation in hospital in Auckland. The case travelled through Iran recently before entering New Zealand earlier this week. Close contacts for the case are well and being managed in self-isolation. Public Health officials are undertaking appropriate actions to manage risk to the local community.

Infection prevention and control protocols are being used to prevent onward spread of COVID-19 in the hospital.

The NHCC are in close contact with health care providers looking after the case and their whānau.

The situation is being closely monitored and updates will be provided on the Ministry's website where appropriate.

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