
To:	General Practices, Pharmacists, After-Hours Centres and Emergency Departments in the greater Wellington and Wairarapa regions
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National Health Advisory: COVID-19 cases 7 and 8

ADVISORY SUMMARY:

This advisory is to notify you of two additional confirmed cases of novel coronavirus COVID-19 in New Zealand. This brings the total number of cases in New Zealand to eight confirmed cases.

The seventh confirmed case of coronavirus in New Zealand is in a Danish national who travelled to New Zealand from Denmark via Doha on 10 March. The case arrived in Auckland and took an internal domestic flight to Christchurch, before renting a campervan and travelling to Queenstown. The case became symptomatic on 12 March. The case and their family are now in self-isolation and being managed by the local public health unit.

The eighth confirmed case is an Australian citizen who travelled to New Zealand on 14 March from Australia. He was tested in Australia and was confirmed positive on the morning of 13 March after he had travelled to New Zealand. The case is now in self isolation in Wellington. The case also travelled with his wife, who is also in self isolation. The case has had mild symptoms.

Like all of the other cases in New Zealand bar case one, neither of these cases have required hospital level care.

NHCC staff will inform all relevant Government and external agencies about this case.

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