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То:	General Practices, Pharmacists, After-Hours Centres and Emergency Departments in the greater Wellington and Wairarapa regions
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# January Northland COVID case 24/01/2021

#### SUBJECT:

January Northland COVID Case

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION:**

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Health has been informed of a case of COVID-19 in the Northland community. She had been in the Pullman Managed Isolation Facility (MIF) in Auckland from 30th December 2020 till the 13th January 2021. She developed symptoms on the 15th January and was tested on 22nd January. A list of places the person went while infectious can be found on the Ministry of Health website. This will be updated as information evolves.

The advice for anyone who has been to one of these identified locations at the relevant time periods is:

- Stay at home.
- Contact Healthline on <u>0800 358 5453</u> to understand if and when you need to get tested.
- If you begin to feel unwell or start to develop <u>COVID-19 symptoms</u> get a test immediately.
- If you receive a negative test, you need to continue monitoring your symptoms for the next 14 days. If you develop any COVID-19 symptoms you will need to organize another test.
- Ensure you wash your hands regularly with soap and water, or with hand sanitizer.

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People who scanned in to the identified locations will receive a notification via the NZ COVID tracer app tonight. People who were in Northland may now be anywhere in New Zealand.

People at the Pullman MIF at the same time as the person from Northland are being contacted by the national contact tracing team to advise they contact Healthline <u>0800 358</u> 5453 to get tested and stay isolated until they receive a negative COVID result.

The Ministry of Health is alerting you so you can:

- 1. Be prepared for increased testing volumes
- 2. Be prepared for potential contact from people who were at the identified locations in Northland or at the Pullman MIF