

## 1. New positive COVID-19 cases in Auckland

On Wednesday 27 January 2021 there were 2 new COVID-19 cases announced. The cases were tested in Auckland on Tuesday 26 January.

The cases stayed in a Northern Managed Isolation Facility and were discharged following the required fourteen day stay. Both cases tested negative during their stay and have subsequently returned positive tests.

Please continue to use the SURV-TM10CC surveillance code for any close or casual contacts. Please ensure that you ONLY use this SURV-code for people who are related to the cases, thus only close/casual contacts or people that were at the [identified settings](#) at the indicated times. For all other general unrelated presentations, please use SURV-GEN.

Locations for community testing centres including pop-up CTCs are available at [www.arphs.health.nz/covid19test](http://www.arphs.health.nz/covid19test) and [www.healthpoint.co.nz](http://www.healthpoint.co.nz)

## 2. Groups to prioritise for COVID-19 testing

There has been high demand for COVID-19 testing at Community Testing Centres, General Practice and Urgent Care Clinics in Northland and metro Auckland. It is important that those who need to get tested are able to do so.

Please continue to prioritise testing for the following four groups:

### 1. Casual contacts of the positive Covid-19 case in Northland.

Anyone who visited any of the locations of interest from 14 January – 22 January 2021 needs to stay home and get tested. [MoH Locations of Interest](#).

It is preferable that testing is undertaken around Day 5, or as close to as possible, after the date of exposure. People in this group need to **stay at home** until they have received a negative test result.

Please use surv code SURV-TM10CC.

### 2. Returnees who stayed in managed isolation at the Pullman Hotel between 9 January – 24 January 2021.

People in this group need to stay home, get tested again and stay at home until they receive a negative test result.

Please use surv code SURV-TM10CC.

### 3. Workers who have worked where they may have been exposed to Pullman Hotel guests between 9 January – 24 January 2021.

This includes all employment/deployment at the Pullman Hotel, as well as transport operators who have taken guests to/from the Pullman. Anyone in this group needs to get tested and follow the instructions given by public health and/or their employer.

Please use surv code SURV-MIFWH8

### 4. All symptomatic patients

Groups 1-3 all need to self-monitor for COVID symptoms for 14 days.

Any asymptomatic patients who do not fit the above groups are not a priority but can still be tested with the surv code SURV-GEN.

This information will also be posted in a Clinical Editor's note on the Auckland Regional HealthPathway [COVID-19 - Requests and Local Processes](#)

## 3. Mental Health Update for January 2021

Please see attachment (1).