

## COVID-19 STRATEGY

Our elimination strategy is a sustained approach to keep it out, find it and stamp it out. We do this through:

- controlling entry at the border with routine quarantine or isolation for 14 days;
- disease surveillance;
- physical distancing and hygiene measures;
- testing for and tracing all potential cases;
- isolating cases and their close contacts;
- and broader public health controls depending on the Alert Level we are in.

See below for an update on these measures to support our elimination strategy, and an overview of health system utilisation.

## SUMMARY OF PROGRESS

New Zealand continues to progress well against the strategy. There are **20 active cases** as at 28 June within New Zealand. All are in isolation and extensive testing has not found any transmission within the community.

New Zealand moved to Level 1 from Tuesday 9 June. Border controls remain in place, and remain critical to the elimination strategy. Cabinet agreed to strengthen maritime border measures on Monday 22 June, and an Order is expected to come into force next week.

Agencies are working to increase people movement across borders in a safe way. Managed isolation and quarantine is being reviewed to ensure it can manage public health risks.

## CURRENT STATE

As at 9 am 28 June:

1,526	Confirmed and probable cases
97%	Recovered
20	Total number of active cases
20	Number of cases in MI/Quarantine
1	Number of hospitalised cases
0	Number of cases in ICU
0	Total number of deaths

## Cases by Ethnicity as at 28 June

70%	European /other	9%	Māori	2%	MELAA
14%	Asian	5%	Pacific peoples	0%	Unknown

## Change in cases over time

The rate of new cases has started to rise with **20 active cases** as at 28 June.

## HEALTH-RELATED MEASURES TO ACHIEVE ELIMINATION

### LAB TESTING

Status: **Sufficient capacity for current demand, with capacity continuing to increase**

Testing capacity is steadily increasing to support efforts to eliminate COVID-19. New Zealand has a high capacity for daily testing. As at 28 June, 392,756 tests have been conducted.

### National capacity

7,377

7-day rolling average for week 21 June – 27 June

263,821

Supplies in stock as at 28 June

### Total tests, by ethnicity

Ethnic breakdown of people tested from 22 Jan – 27 June is as follows:

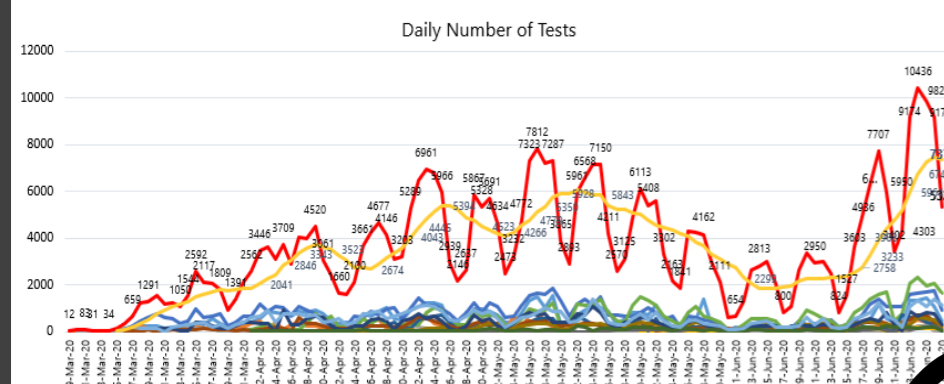
- 18.1% (62,083 tests) Māori
- 10% (34,161 tests) Pacific Peoples
- 10.9% (37,197 tests) Asian
- 61% (209,055 tests) Other/ European/ MELAA/ Unknown

### Positive test rate

On 28 June, 0 percent of the 5,321 tests conducted were positive (4 cases of 5,321 = 0.075%). If our elimination strategy works, you would expect to see this trend continue - sporadic cases at the border.

### TESTING

Data as of 28 June



### We have introduced a new testing strategy The four strands are:

- Testing those who have clinical symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
- Testing around confirmed or probable cases.
- Testing at the border.
- Monitoring of trends in specific syndromic presentations with a view to testing asymptomatic people, if required.

### Border testing will include:

- Surveillance testing of border workforce groups
- Testing international travellers at least twice while in managed isolation facilities.
- Testing quarantine exempt people (such as air crew)

### BORDER MEASURES

Status: **Agencies are working together to ensure Managed Isolation facilities are functioning effectively**

Only New Zealand residents and citizens (and their children and partners) are permitted to enter New Zealand.

This includes the Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau), Australian citizens and permanent residents ordinarily resident in New Zealand, airline and marine crew.

There will be some exceptions such as medical, essential health workers, humanitarian reasons, and others, on a case by case basis.

Every traveller arriving into New Zealand on a flight which departs from another country after 23:59 on 9 April must go into a facility for a minimum of 14 days.

As at 26 June:

221

202 on 25/06/20

In Quarantine

4,170

4,177 on 25/06/20

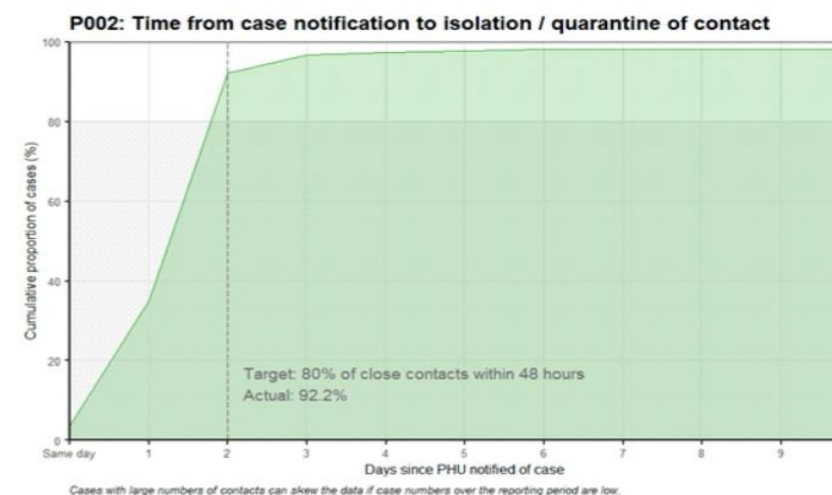
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### CONTACT TRACING

Status: **Sufficient capacity and continuing to improve speed**

During the week from 15-21 June more than 1000 close and casual contacts were followed-up. 92% of these were contacted within 2 days of the cases being notified.

The counts for last week included both casual and close contacts. In future only close contacts will be reported - as has been done in the past.



### NZ COVID TRACER APP

Status: **The number of registered NZ COVID Tracer app users continues to steadily increase. The MoH QR self-service site is now the primary method for businesses to create new posters with.**

As at 28 June the standard consumer app related statistics are:

583,000	75,316	15,792
580,000 on 25/06/20	74,831 on 25/06/20	20,000 on 25/06/20
Number of registered users	Number of posters	Number of poster scans – 7 day average
28,788	1,261,767	
28,614 on 25/06/20	1,223,497 on 25/06/20	Number of poster scans – all time
Number of NZBN-registered entities that have generated posters		

\*We are aware of an issue with the Android app preventing some people from scanning posters. We've found the issue and are still working on a solution.

### WORKFORCE SURGE CAPACITY

Status: **Working to expand to meet any spikes in demand**

As at 28 June:

9,975

9,964 on 21/06/20

people registered on the surge capacity database

The Ministry is working to ensure there are sufficient staff to meet the potential growth in demand for ICU care. As of 28 June there are 9,975 people registered in the surge capacity database of which 3,403 have indicated they are still available to work. Of those available, 556 are doctors and 888 are registered nurses. We have deployed 35 people into roles.

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Status: **We have sufficient PPE stocks for the health and disability workforce currently however ongoing vigilance is required**

There is good stock of all PPE supplies in the country right now (both from the Ministry of Health, national reserves and DHB reserves) and demand has stabilised over recent weeks, despite some additional demand to support border related activity. Sourcing and distribution of PPE continues to be managed at a national level. However global supply chain challenges remain with potential future challenges in mask and glove supply relating to ongoing global demand and shortages which are being managed. A small number of mask shipments remain on hold pending further quality assurance which is being progressed with urgency. Large sizes of nitrile gloves are our most constrained supply currently. We are working through known future shipments to determine if there is a risk that supply will run low. Second wave pandemic modelling is alerting us to areas where we may need to secure additional supply as a risk management strategy and we are sourcing additional supplies where needed.

Total estimated stock on hand as at 26 June:

Nitrile Gloves	32.9 million	Masks	80.1 million	Safety Glasses	1,217,231
	19.6 million on 24/06/20		78.8 million on 24/06/20		1,217,231 on 24/06/20

TESTING

Proactively released  
 HEALTH SYSTEM UTILISATION