

MEDIA RELEASE

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COVID-19 cases confirmed in Nelson Tasman

The Ministry of Health has confirmed nine new cases to report in the Nelson Tasman region. All of the cases live in the same household. Eight of these cases were notified after the Ministry's reporting deadline, and will be added to the official tally tomorrow.

Public health officials are investigating recent travel to Auckland as the possible source of their infections. Case interviews are underway and locations of interest will be added to the Ministry's webpage where contacts at exposure events cannot be identified.

Dr Alexandra Greig, Nelson Marlborough Medical Officer of Health said, "We would like to thank the cases for their prompt action in coming forward for testing. This has allowed for a swift public health response."

"It is a timely reminder for anyone with symptoms, no matter how mild, to get tested."

Everyone in New Zealand aged 5 years and over is eligible for free COVID-19 vaccination. Those over 18 who are fully vaccinated can also book their free booster.

"Scientific evidence shows that vaccination has a huge effect in reducing the chance that somebody infected with COVID-19 will have a severe illness and reduces the risk of transmission in the community."

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Location of interest

Nelson Tasman residents and visitors are asked to monitor Ministry of Health's locations of interest page, and follow the instructions given on that page if you've been at a location of interest. There is a list on this page and also a map for quick-reference: [COVID-19: Contact tracing locations of interest | Ministry of Health NZ](#)

Marlborough residents and visitors should monitor this page also if they have travelled to the Nelson Tasman region in the past 14 days.

When and where to get tested

We ask anyone with symptoms – no matter how mild – to please get tested, even if they are vaccinated. Read about symptoms to be alert to on the Ministry of Health website: [About COVID-19 symptoms and spread | Ministry of Health NZ](#)

COVID-19 test locations:

- i) Walk-in, no appointments needed
 - a. CBAC hours will be kept up to date on the Healthpoint website and on the Nelson Marlborough Health website: www.nmdhb.govt.nz
 - b. Additional pop-up test sites in Nelson Tasman will be listed on those websites also

Nelson CBAC: Saxton Field parking area, Suffolk Rd, Stoke

- Daily (Monday-Sunday) 9am-6pm

Motueka Pop-up testing centre, Motueka Recreation Centre, Old Wharf Road, Motueka

- Today (Friday 21 January) 11am-5pm, Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 9am-4pm, Monday 24 January 9am-5pm

ii) By appointment at medical centres (GP) please phone ahead first

All locations and hours available on the Healthpoint website. Find an option closest to you: [COVID-19 Testing • Blenheim, Nelson Marlborough • Healthpoint](#)

Vaccination advice

People living in Marlborough, Nelson, and Tasman are reminded to get vaccinated if they have not already. Everyone aged 5 years and over is eligible for free COVID-19 vaccination. Booster doses are also now available to anyone aged 18+ who had their second dose 4 month ago.

[Vaccination clinic locations across the region are listed on Healthpoint here.](#)

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