



MEDIA RELEASE

Travellers on the island from New Zealand.

The Commonwealth Government has declared Auckland a hot spot from 11:59 last night. This means that anyone who has been in Auckland in the last 14 days will not be permitted to board a green flight to Australia. Auckland airport for the purposes of travel is exempt. This means that, until lifted, travellers from Auckland will not be permitted to travel to the island.

This has resulted from concerns about community transmission of a variant strain of the virus in Auckland. EMT has decided that anyone who is currently on the island and has been in a listed location of interest must self-isolate and get tested by NIHRACS. The list of locations of interest is published by New Zealand Health at (<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-public/contact-tracing-covid-19/covid-19-contact-tracing-locations-interest#auckfeb>).

In addition, anyone who has arrived on the island from New Zealand since the 20th of February is required to get a COVID test at NIHRACS.

Vaccination roll-out to Norfolk Island.

Planning is underway between the Commonwealth and NSW departments of Health associated with rolling out the COVID-19 vaccination to the island. In respect of the phases of the rollout, current thinking is that all those on the island who wish to be vaccinated will be offered the vaccine as part of the phase 2a roll-out. Currently the timeframe for phase 2a roll-out has not been finalised.

Locally, NIHRACS will undertake the vaccination program and as more information becomes available, they will communicate it to the community.

If these requirements apply to you or you have any questions please contact Detective Sargent Glenn Elder, IMT Incident Controller at IO-Norfolk-Island@afp.gov.au or +6723 22222.

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