

## COVID-19 Border Advisory (9) – 2 March 2020

Dear Colleagues

This is the ninth border advisory relating to COVID-19. These Border Advisories are available on the Ministry of Health's website, along with guidance, fact sheets and updates. We encourage you to keep checking the Ministry's website for updated information at: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

### Summary:

This Border Advisory includes the following information:

- An extension of border restrictions
- New border restriction category - an additional category for order measures restrictions.

This advisory follows advisory 8 issued earlier today.

### Extension of border measures

Today Cabinet agreed to retain the current temporary border measures for an additional seven-day period, expiring at 23:59 on Tuesday 10 March 2020, limited to cover people who have been present in or transited through designated places (currently mainland China, Iran - and the Diamond Princess cruise ship) in the 14 days prior to boarding.

### Additional border restriction category

Today Cabinet also agreed a new set of temporary border restriction categories.

\*Category 1a. This category does have temporary travel restrictions. All people travelling to New Zealand from mainland China and Iran who are exempt from the travel restrictions are requested to undertake 14 days self-isolation. All people who have travelled to New Zealand either from or through Iran or mainland China in the last 14 days are being requested to self-isolate, i.e. prior to the introduction of the border restriction on 28 February. This category includes passengers from the Diamond Princess cruise ship.

\*Category 1b. This new category does not have temporary travel restrictions. All people travelling to New Zealand from Northern Italy (specifically the provinces of Lombardy, Veneto and Emilia-Romagna) and the Republic of Korea are requested to undertake 14 days self-isolation and register with Healthline. People who have been in Northern Italy or Republic of Korea in the last 14 days will be requested to self-isolate for the balance of the 14 day period since they were last in those places and to register with Healthline. A map of the Northern Italy with more specific details will be available on Ministry of Health website in due course. These measures will apply to flights departing after 2359hours Tuesday 3 March 2020.

\*Category 2 remains unchanged. Countries now include, Hong Kong, Italy (other areas), Japan, Singapore, Thailand. People travelling to New Zealand from Category 2 countries are not expected to self-isolate at this point but to be aware of possible COVID-19 symptoms and to call Healthline if they become unwell.

Ministry of Health is urgently working with the health sector, border agencies, airlines and Healthline to implement these new restrictions and to update operational advice.

### Advice for aircrew

Advice for air crew is the same as has been provided for mainland China.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-information-specific-audiences/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-advice-airline-crew>.

If air crew implement these measures they need not self isolate for 14 days.

### Further information and resources

The COVID-19 webpages are updated daily: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

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