Information for people who have been on an aircraft with an unwell person

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This information is being provided to you because you have been on an aircraft with someone who has been unwell.

The person who is unwell is receiving medical treatment, and because of their recent travel, is also having a number of tests including being tested for the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus). This does not mean the person has the novel coronavirus.

You are very unlikely to get infected by the novel coronavirus just from being on the same plane as someone who has the illness. COVID-19 can be passed on by close contact with someone who is ill. You are not considered to be at high risk of catching the novel coronavirus.

There are a lot of diseases you can catch overseas. If you do become unwell within a month of returning to New Zealand, it is important you phone Healthline (0800 611 116) and let them know that you have received this letter. Healthline can also provide general health advice.

For further background information on the novel coronavirus see health.govt.nz/covid-19