

# Quarantine-Free Travel (QFT) How a COVID-19 case in Australia would be managed

When travelling to Australia, you'll need to keep track of the COVID-19 situation and play your part in stopping any spread back to New Zealand. We cannot predict when or how a new case might appear in any Australian state. But we do have a plan for how we'd handle a wide range of possible situations.

While any response will depend on the circumstances, such as timing and location, it's useful to know what to expect. This is a guide to what might occur and what you could be asked to do in the event there are COVID-19 cases in Australia when you travel.

## QFT CONTINUE

E.g. case linked to border – low risk of further transmission.

### What will happen?

*Flights to and from Australia likely to continue.*

### What do travellers do?

Follow local health instructions.  
Keep a record of your movements.  
If unwell, stay home or in your accommodation.  
Get a COVID-19 test if you have any symptoms.

## QFT PAUSE

E.g. case of unknown source, but most likely linked to border. State enters short-term lockdown.

### What will happen?

*Flights to and from affected state or states may be paused for up to 72 hours.*

### What do travellers do?

Follow instructions from the state you are in.  
If unwell or have symptoms get a COVID-19 test.  
Watch for updates from your airline and check your travel insurance.  
When returning to NZ, travellers from affected state may be asked to:

- Get a pre-departure test before flying
- Self-isolate and get a COVID-19 test
- If you are returning from a state where travel has been paused you may go into managed isolation when you arrive in New Zealand.

## QFT SUSPEND

E.g. multiple cases of unknown source. State enters longer term lockdown.

### What will happen?

*Flights to and from affected state or states may be suspended for an extended period.*

### What do travellers do?

Follow instructions from the state you are in.  
If unwell or have symptoms get a COVID-19 test.  
Watch for updates from your airline and check your travel insurance.  
When returning to NZ, travellers may be asked to:

- Get a pre-departure test before flying
- Self-isolate and get a COVID-19 test
- If you are returning from a state where travel has been suspended you may go into managed isolation when you arrive in New Zealand.

### Be prepared:

- This guidance may apply to one state or multiple states, depending on the cases.
- Register with SafeTravel before you leave.
- Check your travel insurance and ticket conditions.
- You may need to stay longer. Be aware additional costs and getting home is your responsibility.

### What you should do

Follow official advice, download a COVID tracer app in the state you are in and keep an eye on [Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)