

## **All new Covid-19 cases in NZ to be managed in isolation facilities**

Health Director-General Dr Ashley Bloomfield has ordered that all new community cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand will be managed in isolation facilities. This is already the case for any cases found in border hotels. Any community cases of COVID-19 previously identified were permitted to recover at home.

Dr Bloomfield has exercised his powers under [Section 70\(1\)\(f\) Health Act 1956](#) to 'require persons, places, buildings, ships, vehicles, aircraft, animals, or things to be isolated, quarantined, or disinfected as he thinks fit'.

Dr Bloomfield announced the new rules at a press conference on Thursday 13 August 2020, after announcing 13 new cases of Covid-19 in the community. He stated that:

*"We see more transmission occur within households. One of the features within facilities is arrangements can be made to keep positive and non-positive cases apart."*

Dr Bloomfield said this could help New Zealand's decision-making around alert levels.

### References:

All new Covid-19 cases in NZ to be managed in isolation facilities < <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/all-new-covid-19-cases-in-nz-managed-isolation-facilities?auto=6180647500001>

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