Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Update on the Cook Islands’ response
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Cook Islands response to COVID-19 Timeline

- **22-Jan**: Health Emergency Response system activated
- **27-Jan**: NHET 1st meeting
- **27-Feb**: Travel Advisory #2: Entry denied to travelers from China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Macau, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Italy and Iran
- **29-Feb**: COVID-19 regulations for domestic travel restrictions, border closure for the Pa Emua (except)
- **09-Mar**: Cook Islands in Code Blue (Preparedness and Readiness Phase) of Plan
- **13-Mar**: Coughs and Colds clinic relocated to Tupapa
- **15-Mar**: Travel Advisory #3: Temp. all travelers except from NZ; cruise ships, leisure crafts and yachts banned
- **17-Mar**: National Day of Prayer for COVID-19
- **18-Mar**:
  - COVID-19 regulations for supervised quarantine (SQ) on arrivals in Rarotonga
  - First lot of arrivals from NZ flight to undergo SQ
  - OPD/ED services relocated to Tupapa clinic; coughs and colds consultations phone/agent only
  - 10 Rarotonga Puna activated
- **20-Mar**: COVID-19 regulations for domestic travel restrictions, border closure for the Pa Emua (except)
- **20-Mar**: NDMC council discusses National Resource Plan
- **22-Mar**: School holidays brought forward to start on March 23rd
- **24-Mar**: Travel Advisory #4: Close borders to NZ including Cook Islands residents (except cargo)
- **25-Mar**: Cook Islands moves to Code Yellow (Alert Phase) of Plan
- **27-Mar**:
  - COVID-19 Act 2020 passed
  - Cook Islands releases policy on SQ and Medical Clearance in NZ
  - Swabs (275) to NZ
- **03-Apr**: Swabs (313) to NZ
- **16-Apr**: Ministry Order #2
- **16-Apr**: Cook Islands declared COVID-19 Free
- **17-Apr**:
  - Plans to safely repatriate Cook Islands residents in NZ initiated
  - Swabs (326) to NZ
- **20-Apr**: Domestic travel restrictions lifted
  - Schools and Churches reopened
- **24-Apr**: Cohort 1 starts SQ in NZ for 14 days
- **25-Apr**: Swabs (128) to NZ
- **30-Apr**: COVID-19 Act 2020 amended; Arrivals to undergo SQ and Testing
- **01-May**:
  - Cohort 2 starts SQ in NZ for 14 days
  - Swabs (5) to NZ
- **03-May**: Cohort 1 starts SQ in Rarotonga for 14 days
- **09-May**: GeneXpert cartridges arrived
- **11-May**: Negative pressure room established at Rarotonga Hospital
- **16-May**: Final group of repatriated residents enter SQ in NZ
- **19-May**: First COVID-19 country test conducted
- **22-May**: Final group of repatriated residents enters SQ in Rarotonga for 14 days
## The Cook Islands Emergency Response Plan to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

### Stages and Phases

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Cook Islands Response to COVID-19 Monitor by Puna

Swabs (Non Rarotonga Residents)
- Visitors = 10
- Cruise Ship = 1
- Aitutaki = 28
- Atiu = 11
- Mangaia = 5
- Mitiaro = 11
- Manuae = 1
- Manihiki = 2
- Pauhau = 5
- Pukapuka = 1

Latest Data Update: 23 June 2020

KEY
- Total: Count of people monitored by the Puna to date
- COVID-19 Swabs: Number of SWABS taken to date
- Percentage: Percentage of the Puna's population swabbed
- Monitoring: Percentage of people in monitoring status
- Completed: Number of people who have completed any form of monitoring

Source: 2016 Census: Rarotonga's Resident Population
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- **SQMC** 14 days in facility
- **exit screen +/- test**
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- **CI SQMC 14 days private exit screen +/- test**
COVID-19 Ecosystems

19 June 2020

Easing border measures

COVID-19 Ecosystems

ALL TRAVELLERS
NEW ZEALAND
14 days mandatory supervised quarantine on arrival in NZ

RAROTONGA

PA ENUA