

NZ GOVERNMENT UPDATE

The latest Immigration NZ advisory states:

As part of its response to managing the Covid-19 outbreak the New Zealand Government announced on Saturday 14 March 2020 further border measures. These include **extending travel restrictions and self-isolation requirements** for most people arriving into New Zealand. These restrictions will be reviewed after 16 days.

All passengers arriving in New Zealand are being assessed and screened before they are allowed to enter the country.

Emphasis on procedure from Ministry of Health:

People coming into New Zealand are now required to fill out health cards, there is telephone follow-up and MOH are in the process of establishing spot checks to ensure people are self-isolating as required. The Medical Officers of Health can require people to be in self-isolation if there is a public health risk and can call on the Police to assist in enforcing that. Fines are also being considered for people who do not comply.

You must follow instructions from a Medical Officer of Health relating to COVID-19, or you risk being detained or deported.

From 23:59 Sunday 15 March all passengers arriving from international airports (except parts of the Pacific) are required to follow the Ministry of Health guidance for self-isolation. You must register with Healthline and self-isolate for 14 days when arriving in New Zealand.

TRANSITING TO SELF-ISOLATION

If you are self-isolating after being overseas, you may need to travel from the airport where you arrive to another part of New Zealand to get home, for example, by plane, train or bus. It is OK to continue to the destination where you plan to self-isolate, however practical measures are required.

While travelling, you should use hand sanitiser regularly. Cough and sneeze into a tissue or your elbow. Where possible, sit in a window seat in a row by yourself. If you are unwell you should seek advice from Healthline before you travel onwards. Once you reach your destination, you cannot use public transport, taxis or similar methods until you finish your 14 days of self-isolation.

You can use your own transport, such as a car or bike, whenever you wish. This also applies to rental vehicles, provided you have informed the company of your need to self-isolate.

For people coming in from overseas who are not symptomatic but are self-isolating as per Government directive, you're required to take common sense steps to avoid close contact with other people as much as possible which includes avoiding face to face contact closer than 2 metres, for more than 15 minutes.

If you're travelling domestically with Sounds Air after arriving from an international flight, staff will be ensuring you're aware of the Government directive outlined above and the requirement for self-isolation.

If symptoms consistent with COVID-19 are observed (e.g. dry coughing, shortness of breath, high temperature) staff will be ensuring you've made contact with Healthline and have proceeded with all the necessary steps before permitting travel on board a Sounds Air aircraft.

