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## Covid-19 NZ: Hipkins says Sydney man had one dose of vaccine, is 'low-risk but not no-risk'

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Covid response minister Chris Hipkins says NZ Covid case is "low risk, but not no risk".

Covid-19 Minister Chris Hipkins says the Sydney man infected with Covid-19 had received a single dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine, meaning he is likely to have been less infectious to others than if he was completely unvaccinated.

Hipkins characterised the situation as "low risk but not no risk".

The positive case came to Wellington from Sydney for a weekend trip, and visited a number of locations including Te Papa museum, the Rydges Hotel, Jack Hackett's pub on Dixon St, a Lambton Quay pharmacy and Floridita's restaurant on Cuba St.



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Covid-19 Minister Chris Hipkins.

Hipkins said, on his way into a select committee on Wednesday, it was far too early to know if alert level changes would be needed. More information would be available at a 1pm update on Wednesday.

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- \* [Covid-19: All the guidance for close plus, close, casual plus and casual contacts](#)

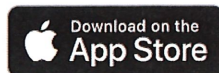


until Monday morning shortly before tying out, he said.

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"The person was vaccinated. The pub where it was higher density seating – the exhibition at Te Papa which I understand was quite busy – obviously creates an additional element of risk," Hipkins said, adding that he was still waiting to hear test results from the four close contacts of the case in New Zealand.

"While the risk still remains low obviously having had [somebody with Covid-19 in Wellington for 48-hour period](#) does create some additional risk. So the work really at this point is just making sure that we understand the true extent of the risk is."

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- Sydney to Wellington - QF163 (Qantas): Departed Sydney Friday 18 June 7:05pm (AEST), arrived Wellington Saturday 19 June 00:12am (NZST).

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- Wellington to Sydney - NZ247 (Air New Zealand): departed Wellington Monday 21 June 10:13am (NZST), arrived Sydney Monday 21 June 11:33am (AEST). At this stage four close contacts have been identified and are isolating.

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