

# Update on COVID-19 cases — 14 February 2022

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Read today's update on COVID-19 cases and Omicron from the Ministry of Health.

## Today's COVID-19 numbers

- **981 new community cases**
- **25** new cases identified at the border
- **39** cases in hospital
- **17,616** total tests in the last 24 hours
- **1,912,046** booster doses administered (60%)

[COVID-19 data and statistics](#)

## Update from the Ministry of Health

The Big Boost Week continues to see tens of thousands of people going out to get their booster dose each day. Yesterday, 21,588 boosters doses were administered despite the weather.

The vaccine remains our best defence against COVID-19. People who are vaccinated are less likely to get seriously unwell or be hospitalised than people who haven't been vaccinated.

The booster vaccine offers a high level of protection against Omicron, so if it's been 3 months since you got your second dose, please get your booster as soon as possible.

You can access a booster dose in the same way as any other dose, booking online via [BookMyVaccine.nz](https://bookmyvaccine.covid19.health.nz/) (<https://bookmyvaccine.covid19.health.nz/>) visiting a walk-in or drive-thru vaccination clinic, or by calling the COVID Vaccination Healthline on [0800 28 29 26](tel:0800282926) (8am to 8pm, 7 days a week).

The Ministry of Health would like to thank everyone in New Zealand who has been vaccinated. You are doing your bit for the public health response.

Once again, the further increase in new cases today is another reminder that, as expected, the highly transmissible Omicron variant is now spreading in our communities as we have seen in other countries.

[Update on today's COVID-19 cases | health.govt.nz](https://www.health.govt.nz/news-media/news-items/more-21000-boosters-given-yesterday-981-community-cases-39-hospital) (<https://www.health.govt.nz/news-media/news-items/more-21000-boosters-given-yesterday-981-community-cases-39-hospital>).

