

Latest results in: no COVID-19 cases detected

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- Te Marae Ora has sent over 80 COVID-19 swab tests to NZ for analysis
- So far 11 results have tested negative for COVID-19. The first wave of results include one of the three persons of interest being monitored by Te Marae Ora
- There remains no known cases of COVID-19 in the Cook Islands

The latest COVID-19 test results are in: 11 swab tests taken in the Cook Islands and sent to New Zealand for testing have come back negative for COVID-19, reports Te Marae Ora Cook Islands Ministry of Health.

Yesterday the ministry released information about three persons of interest under active medical supervision. One of these persons returned negative tests. Health officials are awaiting results for the two remaining persons of interest, which includes the patient referred to New Zealand yesterday, and who has been discharged from hospital care in New Zealand.

In recent days health professionals have taken precautionary measures to collect swabs from people who presented at health facilities with a fever or cough.

To date more than 80 swabs have been sent to New Zealand - and of the 11 results returned, all have tested negative for COVID-19.

Secretary of Health Dr Josephine Aumea Herman says Te Marae Ora will continue to implement recommended COVID-19 protocols while it awaits test results to come back.

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