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COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

This section provides the latest updates, information and advice on COVID-19.

Current situation

New Zealand has 155 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19. For a summary of the current status see our [latest media release \(24 March\)](#). More information is available on our [current cases page](#). With continued vigilance the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low.

There are currently [restrictions on who can enter New Zealand](#). Travellers who have arrived in New Zealand within the last 14 days are being asked to self-isolate. See [Self-isolation](#) to find out more. You can [register for self-isolation online](#).

If you have been overseas within the last 14 days and develop a fever, cough or shortness of breath, call Healthline on [0800 358 5453](#).

New Zealand is currently at Alert Level 3 – Restrict

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern has announced New Zealand COVID-19 alert levels. These new alert levels specify the public health and social measures to be taken. Nationwide, New Zealand is currently at Level 3 – Restrict. This means there is heightened risk that the disease is not contained. See more information about [Alert levels](#).

Find out how to look after your [mental health and wellbeing when you have to stay at home](#).

Epidemic Notice: On Wednesday 23 March, the Prime Minister issued an Epidemic Notice under section 5 of the Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006. [Find out more](#).

For COVID-19 health advice and information, contact the Healthline team (for free) on [0800 358 5453](#) or [+64 9 358 5453](#) for international SIMS.

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Latest updates

Our advice is under active review and is updated regularly. The latest updates include the following changes to the website:

25 March:

- [COVID-19 Epidemic Notice](#)
- [Advice for older people](#)

24 March:

- [Intensive care and ventilator capacity in district health boards information](#)

23 March:

- [New information for home and community support service workers](#)
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- [New form for notifying cases to the NHCC](#)
- [Updated guidance for health staff implementing home care](#)
- [Updated information for disabled people and their family and whānau](#)

22 March:

- [Primary Care Quick Reference Guide updated](#)
- [Questions and answers for primary health care workers updated](#)

21 March:

- [New information for community-based midwives](#)
- [Updated resources for primary care](#)
- [Information on alert levels added to the questions and answers](#)
- [Update on managed restricted access to aged care facilities](#)
- [Updated health pratique form](#)

20 March:

- Advice updated across the site to reflect new border measures

19 March:

- [New border measures announced](#)

18 March:

- [Update to self-isolation advice](#)
- [Information on current cases](#) now available
- Added resources for health professionals: [Road ambulance transfer of patients](#) and [guidance for cancer services](#)
- Added [Te reo Māori poster - protect yourself and others against COVID-19](#)



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