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COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

There are currently outbreaks overseas of a new disease called COVID-19. This section provides the latest updates, information and advice on COVID-19.

Current situation

The fourth case of COVID-19 has been confirmed in New Zealand. See the [media release](#) for more information.

With continued vigilance the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low.

People coming into New Zealand should check our [information for travellers arriving to New Zealand](#) as they may be subject to border controls or asked to self-isolate.

We're also asking people who have visited [countries or areas of concern](#) and who have developed symptoms of fever, cough or shortness of breath to seek medical advice – phone Healthline's dedicated COVID-19 number [0800 358 5453](#) or contact your GP, including phoning ahead of your visit.

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:

6 March:

- [Updated questions and answers for primary health care workers](#)
- [Information in Japanese and Thai language](#)

5 March:

- [Self-isolation guidance updated](#)
- [Information in Farsi, Italian and Korean languages](#)
- [Advice on clinical coding](#)
- [Updated factsheets for contacts of suspected or confirmed cases](#)

4 March:

- [COVID-19 - managing your mental wellbeing advice page](#)

3 March:

- [Protect yourself from coronavirus - English poster updated](#)
- [Advice for health professionals updated](#)

2 March:

- [A second 2 March Border advisory added](#)
- People who have been in or transited through northern Italy or the Republic of Korea are now being asked to [self-isolate](#)
- [Information for hotels and hotel staff added](#)
- [2 March Border advisory added](#)

28 February:

- [Revised case definition for health professionals](#)
- [New interim infection prevention and control guidelines for primary care](#)
- [Updated formatting for primary care triage checklist](#)

27 February:

- [Resources for health professionals updated](#)
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