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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 fifth case of COVID-19 has been confirmed in New Zealand. See our [latest media release](#) for a summary of the current status.

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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News and media updates

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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:


9 March:

- [Information sheets for the general public added](#)
- [Advice to border sector: COVID-19 becomes a quarantinable disease](#)

8 March:

- [Updated case definition](#)
- [Updated advice for health professionals](#)
- [New document on Transmission of COVID-19 and the role of face masks in health settings](#)

7 March:

- [Updated No Change of Health Status Report for Health Pratique form now available](#)
- [Paracetamol: Supply issue - update from PHARMAC](#) 
- [Questions and answers updated with information for the immune-compromised](#)

6 March:

- [Advice for public events and mass gatherings factsheet available in te reo Māori, Samoan and Tongan](#)
- [Information for Aged Care Providers](#)
- [Welfare support factsheet available in Farsi, Italian, Korean, Japanese and Thai](#)
- [Updated questions and answers for primary health care workers](#)
- [Information in Japanese and Thai](#)

5 March:

- [Self-isolation guidance updated](#)
- [Information in Farsi, Italian and Korean](#)
- [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](#)

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](#)

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