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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

New Zealand has five confirmed cases of COVID-19. 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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## Latest updates

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

### 12 March:

- Update to the [Countries and areas of concern](#) – the whole of Italy is now in category 1b

### 11 March:

- [Updated questions and answers for primary health care workers](#)
- [Information on public events and mass gatherings in Tokelauan](#)

### 10 March:

- [Information on contact tracing for COVID-19](#) – includes the previously published factsheets for contacts of suspected or confirmed cases
- [General public health advice updated in other languages](#)
- [Resources for the border sector now on a new page](#)


### 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](#)
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### 5 March:

- [Self-isolation guidance updated](#)
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