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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 six confirmed cases of COVID-19. For a summary of the current status see our [latest media release \(14 March\)](#).

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:

13 March:

- [Updated Questions and answers for primary health care workers](#) (new question on who not to swab)
- [New information sheets added](#): Information on tikanga and gatherings, Cultural/religious practices, looking after your mental wellbeing.

12 March:

- [Updated information for Aged Care Providers](#)
- [COVID-19: Aeromedical transfer of patients - advice document](#)
- [Updated Transmission of COVID-19 and the role of face masks in health settings document](#)
- [Updated advice on clinical coding](#)
- [Updated primary care quick reference guide](#)
- [Information in Indonesian and Tuvaluan](#)
- 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](#)
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