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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 102 confirmed cases of COVID-19. For a summary of the current status see our <u>latest media release (23 March)</u>. More information is available on our <u>current cases page</u>. With continued vigilance the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low.

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

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

For COVID-19 health advice and information, contact the Healthline team (for free) on $0800\ 358\ 5453$ or $0.640\ 9.358\ 5453$ for international SIMS.

Health advice for the public

- Latest advice: Symptoms, prevention, treatment, how it spreads & more
- Self-isolation
- Border controls
- Contact tracing
- Face mask and hygiene advice
- Home care information
- Managing your mental wellbeing
- Questions and answers

Information for:

- Health professionals
- Aged care providers
- Airline staff
- Border sector
- Cleaning services
- Disabled people
- Hotels and hotel staff
- Public events and mass gatherings
- Residential care providers
- Travellers arriving to New Zealand
- Workplaces

Information in other languages & formats

- New Zealand Sign Language
- Easy Read
- Simplified Chinese
- Te reo Māori
- More languages

News and media updates

- 23 March 36 new cases in NZ
- 23 March Media livestream
- 22 March COVID-19 update
- 22 March Media livestream

All news and media updates

Information about current cases

Resources

- Information sheets for the general public
- Welfare support factsheet
- Posters

• Ministry social media

Latest updates

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

23 March

- Updated advice for public events and mass gatherings
- Updated advice for workplaces
- 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
- <u>Information on current cases</u> now available
- Added resources for health professionals: Road ambulance transfer of patients and guidance for cancer services
- Added <u>Te reo Māori poster protect yourself and others against COVID-19</u>

17 March:

- Information for disabled people or people who need support for daily life and their family/whānau
- Information for residential care providers
- Updated Advice to airline crew on the use of personal protective equipment

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