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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 **950** confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19. For a summary of the current status see our [latest media release \(4 April\)](#). More information is available on our [current cases page](#). With continued vigilance the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low.

## New Zealand is currently at Alert Level 4 – Eliminate

These alert levels specify the public health and social measures to be taken. Nationwide, New Zealand is currently at Level 4 – Eliminate. This means that it is likely that the disease is not contained. See more information about [Alert levels](#).

Find out how to look after your [mental health and wellbeing during Alert Level 4](#).

## Health and care workers – expressions of interest for COVID-19 response

We are seeking expressions of interest from health and care professionals who are able and willing to work for a limited amount of time as part of the national strategic approach to managing COVID-19. [Find out more](#)

## Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

[What's important for you to know about PPE for essential workers](#).

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.

## Health advice for the public

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## News and media updates

- [4 April - Additional guidance on Alert Level 4 rules](#)
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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:

### 4 April:

- [COVID-19 resident family carer payments Q&A](#)
- [Information for parents during Alert Level 4](#)
- [Updated general health advice for the public](#)

### 3 April:

- [Updated case definition](#)
- [Information for radiologists on community-based maternity ultrasounds](#)
- [Alert level 4 for disabled people and Guidance for people on Individualised Funding factsheets](#)
- [COVID-19 impact on Funded Family Care payments](#)
- [New rules for electronic prescriptions to support virtual care in the community](#)

### 1 April:

- [Updated case definition](#)
- [Updated close and casual contact definition](#)

### 31 March:

- [Managing patients and reporting using Telehealth and online tools](#) – includes information sharing advice for health professionals
- [Updated information on wellbeing at Alert Level 4](#)
- [Information for providers of housing support](#)
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### 30 March:

- [Information for pregnant women & new mothers](#)
- [New guidance on funerals and tangihanga](#)
- [Updated advice for health professionals](#)
- [PPE used by community-based midwives for prevention of COVID-19](#)
- [Updated information for disability and aged care providers on Alert Level 4](#)
- [New information for funeral directors on management of deaths due to COVID-19](#)

### 29 March:

- [Current cases, full details and cluster information updated](#)

### 28 March:

- [Current cases, full details and cluster information updated](#)
- [Self-isolation for close contacts and travellers updated](#)
- [PPE for essential workers resources updated](#)
- [Advice for travellers updated](#)

### 27 March:

- [Advice for aged care providers has moved](#)

- [Updated close contact definition](#)
- [Guidance on use of personal protective equipment](#)
- [Updated face mask and hygiene advice](#)

**26 March:**

- [Updated self-isolation or low-level quarantine requirements](#)
- [Updated current case details](#)
- [Updated essential services in the health and disability system with list of hospital services](#)
- [Increasing the health workforce capacity](#) – we are seeking expressions of interest from health and care professionals

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