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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 **1,039** confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19. For a summary of the current status see our [latest media release \(5 April\)](#). 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.

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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:

5 April:

- [Pharmacy licensing: Closure and relocation](#)

4 April:

- [Information for parents during Alert Level 4](#)
- [Updated general health advice for the public](#)

3 April:

- [Updated case definition](#)
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- [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
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