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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 **1,160** confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19. For a summary of the current status see our <u>latest media release (7 April)</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.

### 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  $0.649\ 358\ 5453$  for international SIMS.

# Health advice for the public

- Latest advice: Symptoms, prevention, treatment, how it spreads & more
- Self-isolation
- Contact tracing
- Face mask and hygiene advice
- Home care information
- Questions and answers
- Wellbeing at Alert Level 4

## **Information for:**

- Health professionals
- Accommodation providers
- Air crew and border sector
- Cleaning services
- Deaths, funerals and tangihanga
- Disability and aged care providers
- Disabled people
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- Public events and mass gatherings
- Travellers arriving to NZ
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# **Current situation**

- Current cases
- Border controls
- **Epidemic Notice**
- Essential health & disability services
- COVID-19 modelling reports

# **News and media updates**

- 7 April 54 new cases
- 7 April Media update
- <u>6 April 67 new cases</u>
- <u>6 April Media update</u>
- 5 April 89 more cases

All news and media updates

**Information about current cases** 

## Resources

- New Zealand Sign Language
- Easy Read
- Information sheets for the general public
- Posters
- Ministry social media
- Information in other languages

# Latest updates

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

#### 7 April:

- Updated questions and answers with information on accessing health care outside your local area
- <u>Updated transmission of COVID-19 and the role of face masks in health settings</u>
- Updated questions and answers for primary health care workers
- Updated primary care quick reference guide
- Information on cremations and exemptions from viewing a body

#### 6 April:

- Updated information for disabled people and their family and whānau
- Questions and answers for resident family carer payments

### 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:

- <u>Updated case definition</u>
- 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

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