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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 **1,210** confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19. For a summary of the current status see our [latest media release \(8 April\)](#). 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. 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](#).

Important updates

- **Contact tracing phone calls:** If you have been identified as a close contact, you can expect calls from Ministry of Health and Healthline. It is important to answer your phone. Find out how to recognise a call from the Ministry or Healthline at [Contact tracing](#).
- **Join the COVID-19 surge workforce:** 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:

8 April:

- [Information for disabled people on getting food during Alert Level 4](#)
- [Updated COVID-19 case definition](#)
- [Updated advice for health professionals](#)
- [PPE used by community pharmacy for prevention of COVID-19](#)
- [Updated mental health and wellbeing resources](#)

7 April:

- [Guidelines for the use of personal protective equipment for frontline health care workers](#)
- [Information on contact tracing phone calls](#)
- [Updated questions and answers with information on accessing health care outside your local area](#)
- [Updated transmission of COVID-19 and the role of face masks in health settings](#)
- [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:

- [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](#)
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