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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 **1,440** confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19. 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](#).

The Prime Minister has announced further details about what a move to Alert Level 3 would mean for New Zealanders. This information is available at [covid19.govt.nz](#). Information about health and disability services at Alert Level 3 is being finalised and will be made available on this website.

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:

20 April:

- [Guidance for workplaces that have a case of COVID-19](#)

19 April:

- [Updated Primary care quick reference guide](#)

18 April:

- [Getting your flu vaccine during the COVID-19 response](#)

17 April:

- [Information for people receiving hospice care at home](#)
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- [Case definition of COVID-19 infection](#)
- [Updated advice for health professionals: novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

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- [COVID-19 Health and Disability System Response Plan](#)

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- [Guidelines for international aeromedical transfers of non-COVID patients](#)
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