

Search



Diseases and

Home &gt; Our work &gt; conditions &gt; COVID-19


# COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

This section provides the latest updates, information and advice on COVID-19.

## Current situation

New Zealand has **1,451** 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**. At 11.59 pm on Monday 27 April New Zealand will move back to **Alert Level 3 - Restrict**. To find out more see:

- [Health and disability services at Alert Level 3](#)
- [Alert Level 3 information on the COVID-19 website](#) 

## 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.

## 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](#)

## Health professionals

- [Advice for all health professionals](#)
- [Cancer and screening services](#)
- [Case definition](#)
- [Disability, aged care and hospice providers](#)
- [Join the COVID-19 surge workforce](#)
- [PPE use in health care](#)
- [Medical transfer](#)
- [Maternity](#)
- [Pharmacy](#)
- [Primary care](#)
- [Recording COVID-19](#)
- [Telehealth and online tools](#)

## Information for:

- [Accommodation providers](#)
- [Air crew and border sector](#)
- [Cleaning services](#)
- [Deaths, funerals and tangihanga](#)
- [Disabled people](#)
- [Hospice patients](#)
- [Older people](#)
- [Personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#)
- [Pregnant women](#)
- [Public events and mass gatherings](#)
- [Travellers arriving to NZ](#)
- [Workplaces](#)

## Current situation

- [Current cases](#)
- [Significant clusters of cases](#)
- [Border controls](#)
- [Epidemic Notice](#)
- [Essential health & disability services](#)
- [Health and disability services at Alert Level 3](#)
- [COVID-19 modelling reports and background papers](#)

## News and media updates

- [23 April - 3 new cases of COVID-19](#)
- [23 April - Media update](#)
- [22 April - COVID-19 Point of care test kits](#)
- [22 April - COVID-19 testing numbers during lockdown](#)

[All news and media updates](#)

## 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:

### 23 April:

- [Updated Transmission of COVID-19 and the role of face masks in health settings](#)

### 21 April:

- [Health and disability services at Alert Level 3](#)
- [Alert Level 3 questions and answers](#)
- [Updated NZ Sign language video on COVID-19 symptoms](#)
- [Recommendations on handling of the whenua/placenta for COVID confirmed or suspected women](#)
- [Working paper: Control measures to deliver COVID-19 strategies: Education sector evidence review](#)

### 20 April:

- [Report: Rapid Audit of Contact Tracing for COVID-19 in New Zealand](#)
- [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](#)

- [Information for hospice providers](#)

---

Page last updated: **24 April 2020**



Share



Print



Email



Feedback

[About this site](#)

[Contact us](#)

[Other Ministry of Health websites](#)

[Official Information Act requests](#)

[Information releases](#)

[Consultations](#)

[Where to go for help](#)

[Emergencies](#)

[Dial 111 \(for ambulance, fire or police\)](#)

[Healthline](#)

[Dial 0800 611 116](#)

[Poisons](#)

[Dial 0800 POISON \(0800 764 766\)](#)

[Mental health crisis](#)

[Emergency contact numbers](#)

---

[New Zealand Government](#)

© Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora | [Site map](#) | [Privacy & security](#) | [Copyright](#)