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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 **1,461** 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.

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News and media updates

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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:

25 April:

- [Guidance for PPE use in health care: Posters and FAQ](#)

24 April:

- [Cluster investigation and control guidelines](#)
- [Testing rates for ethnicity and DHB](#)

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](#)

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