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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 **1,479** 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 3 – Restrict**. To find out more see:

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

COVID-19 information on this website is reviewed and updated regularly. This includes advice for Alert Level 3.

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 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:

1 May:

- [Alert Level 3 Guidance Home and Community Support Services and Supported Living providers](#)
- [Updated: Information for community-based midwives](#)
- [Updated: Breastfeeding advice for women who have a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19](#)
- [Updated: Information for hospice providers](#)

30 April:

- [Managing your health conditions during COVID-19](#)
- [Updated: Well Child Tamariki Ora](#)

29 April:

- [Information for older people who live alone, including in a retirement village - Creating safe bubbles](#)
- [Alert Level 3 information and guidelines for Allied health professionals](#)
- [Learning modules to support your family and whānau](#)
- [Updated: Occupational health guidance for vulnerable community-based self-employed midwives](#)

- [Updated: COVID-19 interNASC transfers – Aged Residential Care](#)
- [Alert Level 3 information for Well Child Tamariki Ora providers](#)

28 April:

- [Updated information for pregnant women](#)
- [Information for radiologists on community-based maternity ultrasounds at Alert Level 3 & 4](#)
- [Updated Border controls with information on exemptions from managed isolation](#)
- [Public health guidelines for businesses operating under Alert Level 3](#)
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- [Updated Advice to airline crew on precautions to reduce risk of COVID-19 infection](#)
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27 April:

- [Updated Information for parents](#)
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26 April:

- [Updated Guidance for managing staff and residents with COVID-19 infection in aged residential care facilities](#)
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