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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 **1,487** confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19. More information is available on our <u>current cases page</u>. 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.
- Personal protective equipment (PPE): What's important for you to know about PPE.
- Breaches of COVID-19 restrictions: If you're concerned about a breach of current COVID-19 restrictions, you can report it to the <u>COVID-19 Compliance Centre</u>.

For COVID-19 health advice and information, contact the Healthline team (for free) on <u>0800 358 5453</u> or <u>+64 9 358 5453</u> for international SIMS.

## Health advice for the public

- Latest advice: Symptoms, prevention, treatment, how it spreads & more
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## **Current situation**

- Current cases
- Significant clusters of cases
- Border controls

- Epidemic Notice
- Health and disability services at Alert Level 3
- COVID-19 modelling reports and background papers

## **News and media updates**

- 4 May No new cases
- 4 May Media update
- 3 May 2 new cases
- <u>2 May 6 new cases</u>
- Review of Aged Residential Care facilities under way

All news and media updates

## **Resources**

- New Zealand Sign Language
- Easy Read
- Learning modules
- 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:

### 2 May:

- Advice for extending your bubble
- Covid-19 in children: Working paper

### 1 May:

- Alert Level 3 Guidance Home and Community Support Services and Supported Living providers
- Updated: Information for community-based midwives
- <u>Updated: Breastfeeding advice for women who have a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19</u>
- 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
- <u>Updated: Occupational health guidance for vulnerable community-based self-employed midwives</u>
- <u>Updated: COVID-19 interNASC transfers Aged Residential Care</u>
- Alert Level 3 information for Well Child Tamariki Ora providers

### 28 April:

- <u>Updated information for pregnant women</u>
- 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
- Alert Level 3 for disabled people
- Updated Getting disability support
- Updated Advice to airline crew on precautions to reduce risk of COVID-19 infection
- <u>Updated Advice for public events and mass gatherings</u>

#### 27 April:

- <u>Updated Information for parents</u>
- Updated Advice for older people and their family and whānau
- <u>Updated Advice for aged care providers residents with dementia</u>
- Updated Guidance for admissions into aged residential care facilities
- Deaths, funerals and tangihanga at Alert Level 3
- Health Act (COVID-19 Alert Level 3) Order 2020

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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** 

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