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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 1,486 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
- Self-isolation
- Contact tracing
- Face mask and hygiene advice
- Home care information
- Questions and answers
- Managing your health conditions
- Your mental health & wellbeing

# **Health professionals**

- Advice for all health professionals
- Allied health professionals
- Cancer and screening services
- Case definition
- Disability, aged care and hospice providers
- Join the COVID-19 surge workforce
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# **Information for:**

- Accommodation providers
- Air crew and border sector
- Cleaning services
- Deaths, funerals and tangihanga
- Disabled people
- **Hospice patients**
- Older people
- Parents
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Pregnant women
- Public events and mass gatherings
- Travellers arriving to NZ
- Supporting a person with dementia
- Workplaces

# **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**

- <u>6 May Media update</u>
- <u>5 May No new cases</u>
- 5 May Media update
- 4 May No new cases
- 4 May Media update

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:

## 6 May:

- <u>Updated: Essential services in the health and disability system</u>
- Updated: Recording COVID-19
- National Close Contact Tracing Metrics Snapshot: April 13 27 2020
- Updated data on COVID-19 testing rates for ethnicity and DHB

## 5 May:

- Screening Form: For a person to enter an aged residential care facility
- COVID-19 testing in Alert Levels 3 and 2 to support New Zealand's elimination strategy

#### 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
- <u>Updated: Information for community-based midwives</u>
- <u>Updated: Breastfeeding advice for women who have a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19</u>
- <u>Updated: Information for hospice providers</u>

#### 30 April:

- Managing your health conditions during COVID-19
- <u>Updated: Well Child Tamariki Ora</u>

#### 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
- <u>Updated: COVID-19 interNASC transfers Aged Residential Care</u>
- Alert Level 3 information for Well Child Tamariki Ora providers

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Healthline Dial 0800 611 116

Poisons Dial 0800 POISON (0800 764 766)

Mental health crisis Emergency contact numbers

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