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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 1,497 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19. More information is available on our current cases page.

Alert Level 2

On Thursday 14 May New Zealand moved to Alert Level 2 - Reduce.

- Find out about Health and disability services at Alert Level 2 .
- More information about Alert Level 2 is available on the COVID 19 website.

Following the move to Alert Level 2 we're working hard to get our content updated as soon as possible.

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 COVID-19 Compliance Centre.

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

- About COVID-19: Symptoms, spread and where to get help
- · Assessment and testing
- · Caring for yourself and others at home
- Contact tracing
- Face mask and hygiene advice
- Managing your health conditions
- · Mental health and wellbeing
- Questions and answers

Health professionals

- Advice for all health professionals
- Allied health professionals
- Cancer and screening services
- Case definition
- Disability, aged care and hospice providers
- Funded temporary accommodation
- Join the COVID-19 surge workforce
- <u>Maternity</u>
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- Mental health and addiction
- PPE use in health care
- Pharmacy
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- Recording COVID-19
- Telehealth and online tools
- Well Child providers

Information for:

- Accommodation providers
- Air crew and border sector
- Cleaning services
- Deaths, funerals and tangihanga
- <u>Disabled people</u>
- Hospice patients
- Older people
- <u>Parents</u>
- 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 and Health Act Orders
- Health and disability services at Alert Level 2
- COVID-19 modelling reports and background papers

News and media updates

- 14 May Quarantine, managed isolation and exemptions
- 14 May No new cases
- 14 May No live media update today
- 13 May No new cases
- 13 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:

14 May:

- COVID-19 quarantine and managed isolation numbers
- Quarantine and managed isolation at Alert Level 2

13 May:

- Updated: Advice for community allied health, scientific and technical providers
- Updated: Advice for older people and their family and whanau
- Alert Level 2 guidance for Well Child Tamariki Ora
- Deaths, funerals and tangihanga: what happens at Alert Level 2
- Updated: Information for pregnant women, and those who have recently given birth
- Information for radiologists on community-based maternity ultrasounds at Alert Level 2
- Health and disability services at Alert Level 2
- Updated: COVID-19: Information for parents during Alert Level 2

12 May:

- Support for parents with new babies
- Health Act (COVID-19 Alert Level 3) Amendment Order 2020
- <u>Updated data on COVID-19 testing rates for ethnicity and DHB</u>
- Clinical guidance for responding to patients with an intellectual (learning) disability during COVID-19 in Aotearoa New Zealand
- Funded temporary accommodation for front-line workers

11 May:

- Added: Guidelines for mental health and addiction providers
- Updated: Personal protective equipment use for non-health workers
- Updated: Ventilators and ICU bed capacity
- Mental health resources for disability support service providers
- Border advisory 9 May 2020

9 May:

• Case and contact management: Monitoring and reporting to achieve and sustain elimination of COVID-19

8 May:

- Updated: PPE use in health care
- Added: Frequently asked questions about PPE
- Scenarios to help you keep your bubble safe under Alert Level 3
- Advice for community allied health, scientific and technical providers
- Updated: Advice to airline crew on precautions to reduce risk of COVID-19 infection
- Working paper: Background and overview of approaches to COVID-19 pandemic control in Aotearoa/New Zealand
- Deaths, funerals and tangihanga updated
- Managing your bubble during COVID-19

7 May:

- Guidelines for personal protective equipment: Disability support and care workers who work in client's homes
- Updated: Personal protective equipment requirement for community care providers who are providing care in people's place of residence
- <u>Updated: Frequently asked questions about personal protective equipment</u>
- Review of science and policy around face masks and COVID-19
- Updated: Advice to airline crew on precautions to reduce risk of COVID-19 infection

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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

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