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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 **1,499** 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 [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:

17 May:

- [Working paper: Consequences and mitigation strategies for COVID-19 control measures](#)
- [Working paper: Aotearoa/New Zealand's COVID-19 elimination strategy: an overview](#)
- [Updated advice for Public and private events and gatherings](#)

16 May:

- [Published: Kia Kaha, Kia Māia, Kia Ora Aotearoa - COVID-19 psychosocial and mental wellbeing recovery plan and consultation](#)
- [Updated: Deaths, funerals and tangihanga](#)
- [Updated: Mental health and wellbeing resources](#)
- [Added: Information and advice for the deaf community](#)

15 May:

- [Updated: Personal protective equipment use for non-health workers](#)
- [Updated: Personal protective equipment use in health care](#)
- [Updated: Information for Hospice providers](#)

14 May:

- [Updated: Visiting policy in aged residential care under Alert Level 2](#)
- [Added: Information on Alert Level 2 for disabled people](#)
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- [Updated: Advice for community allied health, scientific and technical providers](#)
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