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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 **1,504** 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](#).

NZ COVID Tracer app

The official Ministry of Health contact tracing app helps you keep a digital diary of the places you've been.

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From 12pm on Friday 29 May several changes to the Alert Level 2 rules came into effect. For a summary of these changes, see the [COVID-19 website](#) or our updated guidelines for [social gatherings](#), [businesses and services](#), and [deaths, funerals, and tangihanga](#).

Āwhina app

The Ministry has launched [Āwhina](#) - an app which helps health workers stay up to date on the latest COVID-19 information and receive notifications when new content is added or updated. Find out more about [Āwhina](#).

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:

29 May:

- [Updated: Infection prevention and control procedures for DHB acute care hospitals](#)

- [Updated: Alert 2: Risk assessment questions if COVID-19 status is unknown.](#)
- [Updated: Frequently asked questions about PPE](#)
- [Updated: NZ COVID Tracer app section](#)
- [Updated: Use of face masks in the community and Review of science and policy around face masks and COVID-19](#)
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27 May:

- [Āwhina app for health workers launched](#)
- [Published: COVID-19 Health and Wellbeing Survey](#)

26 May:

- [Updated: Guidance for Mental Health Act processes and Mental Health Act information for service users](#)
- [Updated: Quarantine and managed isolation numbers](#)

25 May:

- [COVID-19 Elimination Strategy for Aotearoa New Zealand](#)

22 May:

- [Updated: Self-isolation for close contacts](#)
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- [Updated: Primary care quick reference guide](#)
- [Updated: Alert Level 2 guidance for managing residents entering and exiting aged residential care facilities](#)
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21 May:

- [NZ COVID Tracer app - Integrating with third party solutions](#)
- [Updated: NZ COVID Tracer app questions and answers](#)
- [COVID-19 Contact Tracing Data Standard \(HISO 10085:2020\)](#)
- [Guidance for businesses on workplace screening: COVID-19 testing and temperature checking](#)

20 May:

- [Updated: Screening form for a person to enter an aged residential care facility](#)
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