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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.

[Find out more >](#)



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](#).

## Elimination strategy for Aotearoa New Zealand

[Our elimination strategy](#) is a sustained approach to keep it out, find it and stamp it out. We do this through: border control; disease surveillance; physical distancing and hygiene measures; testing and tracing all potential cases; isolating cases and their close contacts; and broader public health controls.

### 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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## News and media updates

- [5 June - No new cases](#)
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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:

2 June:

- [Moving forward in Alert Level 2 - Guidance for Well Child Tamariki Ora](#)
- [Updated: Deaths, funerals and tangihanga](#)
- [Updated: Quarantine and managed isolation numbers](#)
- [Updated: Guidance for specialist mental health and addiction services](#)

**31 May:**

- [Updated: Testing rates for ethnicity and DHB](#)

**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](#)
- [Updated: General cleaning and disinfection advice](#)
- [Updated: Social gatherings](#)
- [Updated: Guidelines for businesses and services at Alert Level 2](#)
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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](#)

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