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## **COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)**

This section provides the latest updates, information and advice on COVID-19.

> COVID-19

### **Current situation**

New Zealand is currently at Alert Level 1. To find out more see Health and disability services at Alert Level 1.

There are 24 active cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand. New Zealand's confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 to date is 1569 – see our current cases page.

The focus is now on protecting New Zealanders with:

- <u>robust border controls</u>
- <u>continued surveillance and testing</u>
- contact tracing capability and rapid isolation of new cases
- public support to prevent any further spread, like good hygiene and keeping records of movement.

See our elimination strategy for Aotearoa New Zealand.

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.

### 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 >

# Health advice for the public

- About COVID-19: Symptoms, spread and where to get help
- <u>Assessment and testing</u>
- <u>Caring for yourself and others at home</u>
- <u>Contact tracing</u>
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- <u>Protecting yourself and others</u>
- <u>Self-isolation for close contacts</u>

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- Join the COVID-19 surge workforce
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- Telehealth and online tools
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### Information for:

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- Businesses and services
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- Deaths, funerals and tangihanga
- Disabled people
- Hospice patients
- Older people
- <u>Parents</u>
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- <u>Pregnant women</u>
- <u>Gatherings</u>
- Travellers entering or leaving NZ
- Supporting a person with dementia

### **Current situation**

<u>Current cases</u>

- Border controls
- Epidemic Notice and Orders
- Health and disability services at Alert Level 1
- <u>COVID-19 modelling reports and background papers</u>
- COVID-19 Elimination Strategy for NZ
- <u>COVID-19 Surveillance plan and testing strategy</u>
- <u>PHU Contact Tracing "Deep Dive": Rapid reports</u>

#### News and media updates

- <u>5 August 2 new cases</u>
- <u>4 August No new cases</u>
- <u>4 August Aged Residential Care (ARC) Action Plan</u>
- <u>4 August Media update</u>
- <u>3 August 2 new cases</u>
- 2 August 3 new cases

All news and media updates

#### **Resources and tools**

- NZ COVID Tracer app
- COVID-19 Health and Wellbeing Survey
- <u>New Zealand Sign Language</u>
- Easy Read
- Learning modules
- Information sheets for the general public
- Posters
- Ministry social media

### Latest updates

Our advice is under active review and is updated regularly. The latest updates include the following changes to the website:

#### 4 August:

- Updated: Border controls information on International Medical evacuations (Medevac)
- Added: Action plan for the recommendations of the Independent Review of COVID 19 Clusters in Aged Residential Care Facilities

#### 3 August:

• Updated: <u>Testing rates for ethnicity and DHB</u>

#### 31 July:

• Guidance for primary and secondary care on essential groups for testing fact sheet

#### 30 July:

- COVID-19 Health and Wellbeing weekly report results as at 26 July 2020
- Information release: Investigation into COVID-19 active cases privacy breach
- Updated: Epidemic notice and Orders

#### 29 July:

<u>Assessment and testing for COVID-19</u>

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