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COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

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

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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 23 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

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

Health professionals

- Advice for all health professionals
- Allied health professionals
- <u>Āwhina app</u>
- Cancer and screening services
- <u>Case definition and testing guidance</u>
- Funded temporary accommodation
- Health sector providers
- Join the COVID-19 surge workforce
- <u>Maternity</u>
- Medical transfer
- Mental health and addiction
- PPE use in health care
- <u>Pharmacy</u>
- Primary care
- <u>Recording COVID-19</u>
- Telehealth and online tools
- <u>Well Child providers</u>

Information for:

- Border sector
- Businesses and services
- <u>Cleaning services</u>
- Deaths, funerals and tangihanga
- **Disabled people**
- Hospice patients
- <u>Older people</u>
- Parents
- <u>Personal protective equipment (PPE)</u>
- Pregnant women
- <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
- COVID-19 modelling reports and background papers
- 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>9 August No new cases</u>
- <u>8 August No new cases</u>
- <u>7 August No new cases</u>
- <u>6 August No new cases</u>
- <u>6 August Media update</u>
- <u>5 August 2 new cases</u>

All news and media updates

Resources and tools

- NZ COVID Tracer app
- COVID-19 Health and Wellbeing Survey
- New Zealand Sign Language
- 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:

7 August:

- Updated: Assessment and testing
- Added: <u>How COVID-19 testing works</u>
- Added: <u>COVID-19 test results and their accuracy</u>
- Added: COVID-19: What we know about infection and immunity
- Updated: Case definition and testing guidance for COVID-19
- Updated: <u>Cleaning information</u>
- Updated: <u>Aviation sector</u>

• Updated: Use of masks in the community

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>

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