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# COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

This section provides the latest updates, information and advice on 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 21 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:

- [robust border controls](#)
- [continued surveillance and testing](#)
- [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 [0800 358 5453](#) or [+64 9 358 5453](#) 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 >](#)



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## News and media updates

- [10 August - 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:

### 7 August:

- Updated: [Assessment and testing](#)
- Added: [How COVID-19 testing works](#)
- Added: [COVID-19 test results and their accuracy](#)
- Added: [COVID-19: What we know about infection and immunity](#)
- Updated: [Case definition and testing guidance for COVID-19](#)
- Updated: [Cleaning information](#)
- Updated: [Aviation sector](#)

### 6 August:

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

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Dial 0800 POISON (0800 764 766)

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