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COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

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

Current situation

We have four new positive cases of COVID-19 of unknown origin. See the [media release](#) for more information.

As is our usual protocol we are tracing all close and casual contacts of these cases, and getting them tested for COVID-19.

All close contacts will remain in self-isolation for 14 days, and all casual contacts will remain in self isolation until they have returned a negative test.

As of midday today (Wednesday August 12) the Auckland region (Auckland Council area) will move to **Alert Level 3** for 3 days until midnight on Friday 14 August. The rest of New Zealand will move to **Alert Level 2**. Find out more from the [Unite Against COVID-19 website](#).

Further information will be available from Wednesday August 12.

There are 26 active cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand. New Zealand's confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 to date is 1574 – 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.

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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](#)
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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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