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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.

There are now 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](#).

### Alert levels

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

### Where to get a test for COVID-19 in Auckland

If you have symptoms you can:

- get a test at most GPs - call ahead to find out if you need a test and follow their advice.
- get a test at a [Community Testing Centre](#) - this list will continue to be updated.

You can also call Healthline for health advice on [0800 358 5453](#).

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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## Latest updates

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

12 August:

- Updated: [Aged care providers](#)

## 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](#)

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Dial 0800 611 116

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Dial 0800 POISON (0800 764 766)

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