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COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

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

Current situation

There is one new case of COVID-19 in managed isolation today, in addition to the four cases in the community announced yesterday. See the [latest 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. 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.

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.

Health & Disability Services at :

[Alert Level 3](#)

Auckland

[Alert Level 2](#)

Rest of New Zealand

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:

13 August:

- [Guidance for disability support services at Alert Level 2 and 3](#)

12 August:

- Added: [Health and disability services at Alert Level 2](#) and [Alert Level 3](#)
- Updated: [Cancer and COVID-19](#)
- Updated: [Use of masks in the community](#)
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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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