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# COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

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

## Current situation

### Media standups

There are no live Ministry of Health media standups scheduled for 22 or 23 August. The Ministry will continue to provide its regular written updates at approximately 1 pm daily and will advise of further media standups in the coming week.

### Case numbers

There are 6 new cases of COVID-19 today, 22 August 2020. There are now 111 active cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand. See our [current cases page](#).

### Contact tracing and self isolation

We are tracing all close contacts of these cases, and getting them tested for COVID-19. All close contacts will remain in self-isolation for 14 days. Most casual contacts do not need to self-isolate and only need to be tested if they develop symptoms. [Read more information on self isolation for close and casual contacts](#).

### Alert levels

Until 11.59 pm Wednesday 26 August the Auckland region (Auckland Council area) is at **Alert Level 3** and the rest of New Zealand is at **Alert Level 2**. Find out more on 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.

People in other regions can check their [local district health board website](#) to find out about testing in their area.

### Regional exemptions at Alert Level 3

The Auckland city 'border' is currently closed. Some exemptions will be allowed. For more information, including how to apply, [see Advice for travellers](#).

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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## News and media updates

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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:

### 21 August:

- Updated: [COVID-19: Epidemic notice and Orders](#)

### 20 August:

- Added: [Personal Protection for Border Staff factsheet](#)
- Updated: [Guidance for Well Child Tamariki Ora providers at Alert Level 2 and 3](#)

### 19 August:

- Updated: [Deaths, funerals and tangihanga - guidance at all Alert Levels](#) and specific guidance for [Alert Level 3](#) and [Alert Level 2](#)
- Updated: [Advice for travellers - border movement for health workers and regional exemptions](#)
- Added: [Contact tracing locations of interest](#)
- Updated: [Cancer and screening services](#)

### 18 August:

- Updated: [Border Orders](#)

### 17 August:

- Updated: [Mental health and addiction providers](#)
- Updated: [Assessment and testing for COVID-19](#)
- Updated: [Advice for community allied health, scientific and technical providers](#)
- Updated: [Occupational health guidance for vulnerable community-based self-employed midwives](#)

### 15 August:

- Updated: [Supporting a person with dementia at home](#)
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### 14 August:

- Updated: [Epidemic notice and Orders](#)
  - Added: [Usage data for the NZ COVID Tracer app](#)
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