



# COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

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

## Current situation

### Case numbers

There are 9 new cases of COVID-19 today, 24 August 2020. There are now 123 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 Sunday 30 August the Auckland region (Auckland Council area) is at **Alert Level 3**. 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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## Latest updates

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

### 24 August:

- Updated: [Primary care quick reference guide](#)
- Updated: [Use of masks in the community](#)

### 23 August:

- Updated: [COVID-19: Self-isolation](#)
- Updated: [COVID-19: Advice for higher-risk people](#)

### 21 August:

- Updated: [COVID-19: Epidemic notice and Orders](#)
- Updated: [Questions and answers for primary health care workers](#)

### 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](#)

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## Healthline

Dial 0800 611 116

## Poisons

Dial 0800 POISON (0800 764 766)

## Mental health crisis

Emergency contact numbers

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