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COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

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

Current situation

Case numbers

There are 12 new cases of COVID-19 today, 28 August 2020. There are now 131 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 develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19, have a test. If you're in South or West Auckland, or if you have a greater risk of poor health outcomes if you were to get COVID-19, even if you don't have symptoms, please have a test.

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:

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Auckland

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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.





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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:

28 August:

- Updated: [Use of masks and face coverings in the community](#)
- Added: [Vaccine strategy](#)
- Updated: [Testing guidance for COVID-19](#)
- Updated: [Aged care providers](#)
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27 August:

- Updated: [Hospice providers](#)
- Added: [Final Contact Tracing Assurance Committee report](#)
- Updated: [Exemptions Granted under the COVID-19 Public Health Response \(Alert Levels 3 and 2\) Order 2020](#)
- Updated: [NZ COVID Tracer QR codes](#)
- Updated: [Information on the restrictions to Aged Residential Care facilities outside of Auckland at Alert Level 2](#)
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26 August:

- Updated: [Information for disabled people and their family and whānau](#)
- Updated: [Managing your bubble](#)
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- Updated: [Maritime sector - exemption for vessels to enter New Zealand](#)

25 August:

- Added: New information in [Easy Read](#), [New Zealand Sign Language](#) and [Large print and audio](#) formats.
- Updated: [COVID-19: Epidemic notice and Orders](#)
- Added: [Receiving a positive COVID-19 test result](#)

24 August:

- Updated: [Use of masks in the community](#)

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