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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 9 new cases of COVID-19 today, 31 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

From 11.59 pm Sunday 30 August, all of New Zealand is at **Alert Level 2**. Gatherings within the Auckland region may involve a maximum of ten (10) people. There can be up to 50 people at funerals and tangihanga if the event is registered with the Ministry of Health. 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.

You can get a test:

- at most GPs – call ahead to find out if you need a test and follow their advice
- 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.

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 2](#)

All 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](#)
- Updated: [Contact tracing locations of interest](#)

### 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](#)

- Updated: [Primary care quick reference guide](#)

#### 26 August:

- Updated: [Information for disabled people and their family and whānau](#)
- Updated: [Managing your bubble](#)
- Updated: [Case definition and testing guidance](#)
- 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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Dial 0800 611 116

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Dial 0800 POISON (0800 764 766)

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