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COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

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

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Case numbers

There are 7 new cases of COVID-19 today, 17 September 2020. There are now 77 active cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand. See our [Current cases page](#).

Alert levels

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](#).

Public transport

At 1pm Monday 14th September, the need for physical distancing on public transport was removed. Wearing masks on domestic flights or on public transport such as trains, buses and ferries remains mandatory.

See also: Information on [contact tracing](#) and [testing](#).

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:

17 September:

- Added: [Guidance for primary and secondary care on essential groups for testing for the period 21 September–4 October 2020](#)
- Added: [Primary care quick reference guide for the period 21 September–4 October 2020](#)
- Updated: [Use of masks and face coverings in the community](#)

- Added: [Testing strategy – 21 September 2020 to 4 October 2020](#)
- Added: [COVID-19 Public Health Response \(Required Testing\) Amendment Order \(No 2\)](#)
- Updated: [Join the COVID-19 surge workforce](#)

15 September:

- Updated: [COVID-19 testing rate data](#)
- Added: [Maritime Border Order — Extended Notice of Arrival form](#)

14 September:

- Added: [Community information packs](#)
- Added: [Translations](#)

11 September:

- Added: [COVID-19 Public Health Response \(Maritime Border\) Order \(No. 2\) 2020 - guidance and legal requirements](#)

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