



COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

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

Current situation

Case numbers

There are 3 new cases of COVID-19 today, 7 October 2020. There are now 37 active cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand. See our [Current cases page](#).

Alert Levels

Auckland is at Alert Level 2. The rest of New Zealand is at Alert Level 1. Find out more on the [Unite Against COVID-19 website](#). The Government has announced that Auckland will go to Alert Level 1 at 11.59 pm on Wednesday 7 October.

In Auckland at Alert Level 2, wearing masks remains mandatory on domestic flights to, from or through Auckland, and on public transport such as trains, buses and ferries. Gatherings may include up to 100 people.

For the rest of New Zealand at Alert Level 1, wearing masks on domestic flights to, from or through Auckland is mandatory. While it is not mandatory to wear a mask on public transport, it is encouraged.

All of New Zealand should continue to do the following:

- sign into places, using the [NZ COVID Tracer app](#) or keep a record
- maintain [good hygiene practices](#)
- [stay home if you're unwell](#) and [get a test](#).

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](#)

Auckland

[Alert Level 1](#)

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:

7 October:

- Updated: [Testing rates for ethnicity and DHB](#)

5 October:

- Updated: [Alert Level 2 guidance for aged residential care facilities](#)
- Updated: [Guidance for managing staff and residents with COVID-19 infection in aged residential care facilities](#)
- [COVID-19 Public Health Response \(Election and Referendums\) Order 2020](#)

2 October:

- Added: [Guidance for small craft and yacht arrivals in New Zealand](#)

1 October:

- Added: [Information for family, whānau, and āiga carers](#)
- Updated: [Advice for travellers](#)

30 September:

- Added: [Information for radiologists on community-based maternity ultrasounds at different Alert Levels](#)

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Dial 0800 611 116

Poisons

Dial 0800 POISON (0800 764 766)

Mental health crisis

Emergency contact numbers
