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, 17 October 2020. There are now 40 active cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand. See our **Current cases page** and the latest **News and media updates** .

Alert Levels

All of New Zealand is at Alert Level 1. Find out more on the Unite Against COVID-19 website.

While it is not mandatory to wear a mask on public transport during Alert Level 1, 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.

New sections on this site

Due to the popularity of the case data and requests for information on how the government is managing the response to COVID-19 we've reorganised some of the content into two new sections — Data and statistics and Response planning. This change is part of our ongoing work to improve our web content on COVID-19. Feedback welcome at .

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 1
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.

Find out more >

Health advice for the public
He kupu āwhina mā te marea

- **About COVID-19 — symptoms and spread**
- **Assessment and testing**
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Health professionals
Mā te kaimahi hauora

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- **Primary care**
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Raraunga me ngā tatauranga

- **Current cases**
- **Case details**
- **Significant clusters**
- **Testing data**
- **NZ COVID Tracer app data**
- **Contact tracing locations of interest**

Response planning
Maere ārai mate

- **Border controls**
- **Epidemic Notice and Orders**
- **Elimination strategy**
- **Essential services**
- **Surveillance plan and Testing strategy**
- **Vaccine strategy**

Resources & tools
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- **Accessible information**
- **Community information packs**
- **Information sheets for the public**
- **NZ COVID Tracer app**
- **Translations**

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News and media updates

- 17 October - 3 new cases
- 16 October- Case under investigation confirmed as historical
- 16 October - 4 new cases

- [15 October - 2 new cases](#)
- [14 October - 2 new cases](#)

> [All news and media updates](#)

Latest updates

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

12 October:
- Updated: [Assessment and testing for COVID-19](#)

8 October:
- Added: [COVID-19 in Health Care and Support Workers in Aotearoa New Zealand](#)
- Updated: [COVID Tracer App usage data](#)
- Updated: [Screening form for a person to enter an aged residential care facility](#)

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

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