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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 3 new cases of COVID-19 today, 18 October 2020. There are now 42 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 [\[email protected\]](#).

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 >](#)



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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:

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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