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COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

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

Current situation

Anyone who has cold or flu symptoms should get a test and stay home until you have a negative test result.

Case numbers

There are 5 new cases of COVID-19 as of 9 am 21 December 2020. There are now 59 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](#).

The use of masks or face coverings is mandatory for most transport services in, into and out of Auckland and on passenger flights throughout New Zealand. Find out what rules apply and who is exempt. See [Masks and face coverings](#).

For the rest of New Zealand, 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](#).

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:

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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.

21 December:

- Updated: [COVID-19: Maritime sector](#)
- Updated: [COVID-19: Aviation sector](#)

18 December:

- Updated: [Contact tracing for COVID-19](#)

15 December:

- Updated: [Testing strategy for 7 December 2020 to 27 January 2021](#)
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1 December:

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25 November:

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