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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. Find your local testing facility on the [Healthpoint website](#).

### Vaccines

- **3 February media release:** [Robust assessment ahead of Medsafe approval of vaccine](#).
- **Media standup:** Director-General of Health Dr Ashley Bloomfield and Medsafe Group Manager Chris James held a [media stand up to explain Medsafe's decision making process](#).

### New interim measures for managed isolation facilities

See the [new interim measures for guests and staff](#).

### Case numbers

As at 9 am 5 February 2021 there are 62 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](#).

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.

## COVID-19 vaccines

We're getting prepared so we can access safe and effective vaccines at the earliest possible time.

- [How vaccinations will work](#)
- [Vaccine safety and approval](#)
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## 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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## News & media updates

*Ngā karere o te wā*

- [5 February: 1 case of COVID-19 in managed isolation](#)
- [4 February: 7 cases of COVID-19](#)
- [4 February: COVID-19 media update](#)
- [3 February: Robust assessment ahead of Medsafe approval of vaccine](#)
- [3 February: 1 case of COVID-19 in managed isolation](#)
- [3 February: COVID-19 media update](#)
- [2 February: 4 cases of COVID-19 in managed isolation](#)

> [All COVID-19 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.

### 3 February

- [COVID-19 vaccines](#)

### 30 January

- [Managed Isolation Facility – new requirements](#)

### 28 January

- [Case definition and testing guidelines for COVID-19](#)
- [Contact tracing locations of interest](#)

### 27 January

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