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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](#)
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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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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](#)

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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.

3 February

- [COVID-19 vaccines](#)

30 January

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

28 January

- [Case definition and testing guidelines for COVID-19](#)
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