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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 <u>Healthpoint website</u>.

#### Latest media update

- 6 February: COVID-19 confirmed in recent Pullman managed isolation guest
- 6 February: Test result from recent returnee

Hamilton testing – <u>capacity has been extended in Hamilton</u> at Founders Theatre Site with an additional testing centre at Claudelands Events centre. Only symptomatic people should be tested.

#### **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 <u>media stand up to explain Medsafe's decision making process.</u>

## 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 <u>Current cases page</u> and the latest <u>News and media updates</u>.

#### **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 <u>0800 358 5453</u> or <u>+64 9 358 5453</u> 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
- More vaccine information

## **NZ COVID Tracer app**





# Health advice for the public

He kupu āwhina mā te marea

- About COVID-19 symptoms and spread
- Assessment and testing
- Contact tracing
- Contact tracing locations of interest
- Masks and face coverings
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Protecting yourself and others
- Self isolation
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# **Health professionals**

Mā te kaimahi hauora

- Advice for all health professionals
- Aged care providers
- Allied health
- Case definition and testing guidance
- Primary care
- PPE use in health care
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## **Vaccines**

Rongoā āraimate

- How vaccinations will work
- Vaccine safety and approval
- Types of vaccines
- Getting prepared for the vaccines
- Who we're working with

• Updates for the health sector

# Specific audiences *Mā te rōpū whāiti*

- Border sector
- Deaths, funerals and tangihanga
- Disabled people
- **Gatherings**
- Higher risk people
- Pregnant women
- <u>Travellers</u>
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## **Data & statistics**

Raraunga me ngā tatauranga

- Current cases
- Case demographics
- Source of cases
- Testing for COVID-19
- NZ COVID Tracer app data
- Data resources

# **Response planning**

Maere ārai mate

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

## **Resources & tools**

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- NZ COVID Tracer app
- Accessible information
- Community information packs
- Information sheets for the public
- Translations
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# **News & media updates**

Ngā karere o te wā

- <u>6 February: COVID-19 confirmed in recent Pullman managed isolation guest</u>
- 6 February: COVID-19 media update
- <u>6 February: Test result from recent returnee</u>
- <u>5 February: 1 case of COVID-19 in managed isolation</u>
- > 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.

## 6 February

• Assessment and testing for COVID-19

## 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

- Contact tracing locations of interest
- Testing guidance for the health sector

#### 26 January

- Contact tracing locations of interest
- Surveillance strategy
- Testing plan

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Healthline Dial 0800 611 116

**Poisons** 

Dial 0800 POISON (0800 764 766)

Mental health crisis

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