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## **COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)**

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

> 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>.

#### 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.

- 7 February media release: 2 cases of COVID-19; update on border-related case
- 6 February media release: COVID-19 confirmed in recent Pullman managed isolation guest

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</u> <u>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 7 February 2021 there are 66 active cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand. See our <u>Current cases page</u> and the latest <u>News and</u> <u>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
- <u>Vaccine safety and approval</u>
- More vaccine information

### **NZ COVID Tracer app**

The official Ministry of Health contact tracing app helps you keep a digital diary of the places you've been.



### Health advice for the public

He kupu āwhina mā te marea

- About COVID-19 symptoms and spread
- <u>Assessment and testing</u>
- Contact tracing
- Contact tracing locations of interest
- Masks and face coverings
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Protecting yourself and others
- Self isolation
- > See full list

### **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
- <u>Types of vaccines</u>
- <u>Getting prepared for the vaccines</u>
- Who we're working with

# Specific audiences

Mā te rõpū 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
- <u>Case demographics</u>
- 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
- <u>Elimination strategy</u>
- Essential services
- <u>Surveillance strategy</u>
- <u>Testing plan and guidance</u>

### **Resources & tools**

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

Ngā karere o te wā

- 7 February: 2 cases of COVID-19; update on border-related case
- <u>6 February: COVID-19 confirmed in recent Pullman managed isolation guest</u>
- <u>6 February: COVID-19 media update</u>
- <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

<u>Assessment and testing for COVID-19</u>

#### 3 February

<u>COVID-19 vaccines</u>

#### 30 January

• Managed Isolation Facility - new requirements

#### 28 January

- <u>Case definition and testing guidelines for COVID-19</u>
- <u>Contact tracing locations of interest</u>

#### 27 January

- <u>Contact tracing locations of interest</u>
- Testing guidance for the health sector

### 26 January

- <u>Contact tracing locations of interest</u>
- Surveillance strategy
- Testing plan

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