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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

- **Pfizer and BioNTech vaccine is set to arrive in New Zealand:** [When vaccinations will start](#).
- **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 12 February 2021 there are 44 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 expecting enough vaccines for everyone in New Zealand. They'll be free and voluntary for the general public.

- [Getting a vaccine](#)
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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.

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### *Ngā karere o te wā*

- [12 February: 2 cases of COVID-19 in managed isolation](#)
- [11 February: 1 historical case of COVID-19 in managed isolation](#)
- [10 February: 3 new cases of COVID-19 in managed isolation](#)
- [10 February: COVID-19 media update, 10 February 2021](#)
- [9 February: 2 new cases of COVID-19 in managed isolation](#)
- [8 February: No new cases of COVID-19](#)

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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.

### 12 February

- [Guidelines for Air New Zealand staff staying in self-isolation hotel](#)
- [When vaccinations will start](#)
- [Signage for ships in isolation or quarantine](#)
- [Updated: Contact tracing for COVID-19](#)
- [Updated: Case definition and clinical testing guidelines for COVID-19](#)

### 11 February

- [Personal protective equipment use in health and disability care settings](#)

### 10 February

- [Who can get the Pfizer and BioNTech vaccine](#)
- [Provisional monthly results on COVID-19 impacts: 2020/21 New Zealand Health Survey](#)

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