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# COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

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

## Current situation

### Alert Levels update

- Auckland is now at Alert Level 2. The rest of New Zealand is at Alert Level 1.
- This will be reviewed on Monday 22 February.
- At Alert Level 1 and 2 you are now legally required to wear a face mask or covering on all public transport and flights throughout New Zealand.
- For more information about Alert Levels, see the [Unite Against COVID-19 website](#).

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](#).

### February Auckland Cases

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### Case numbers

As at 9 am 19 February 2021 there are 50 active cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand. See our [Current cases page](#) and the latest [News and media updates](#).

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.

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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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## Latest updates

Our advice is under active review and is updated regularly. The latest updates include the following changes to the website.

### 19 February

- [COVID-19 chapter](#) added to the Immunisation Handbook
- [Guidance for COVID-19 testing for disembarking maritime crew](#)

### 17 February

- [COVID-19 vaccine research insights](#)

### 15 February

- [Updated: Bluetooth tracing](#)
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