

COVID-19

Latest COVID-19 health key messages

Approved messages for use in your communications

Consistent messaging helps us to coordinate our efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This document provides approved key messages from the Ministry of Health.

You may share this messaging with your internal and external audiences. New sections and changes to messages are in red.

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From 11.59pm this evening all of New Zealand is at Alert Level 4

Auckland and Coromandel will remain at Alert Level 4 for seven days.

The rest of New Zealand will be at Alert Level 4 and reviewed at three days.

For information about Alert Level 4 visit the Unite Against Covid-19 website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

Current situation

There is one new case of COVID-19 in the community. The positive case was identified in Auckland and is now under investigation.

There are several locations of interest related to this case in Auckland and the Coromandel.

Information about these locations of interest and the actions people should take is available on the Ministry of Health website: www.health.govt.nz

The case was a frequent user of the COVID tracer app, which has assisted public health officials in identifying locations of interests. Information about locations of interest will continue to be updated as new details become available.

ESR is currently carrying out urgent genome sequencing for the case, with results expected overnight. This will provide us with more information, however, we are assuming this is the delta variant.

Information about the delta variant is available on the Ministry of health website: www.health.govt.nz

Please call Healthline on 0800 358 5453 if you were potentially exposed and for advice on testing.

Testing in Auckland and Coromandel

DHBs are working on additional testing capacity on the North Shore and the Coromandel tomorrow (Wednesday).

For up-to-date information on testing locations in Auckland, visit <https://www.arphs.health.nz/> and all testing locations nationwide, visit the **Healthpoint website**.

Healthcare facilities remain open. The Ministry is reminding people if they are unwell to seek treatment promptly. Travel for health treatment is allowed under COVID-19 alert level four.

Vaccination centres

The vaccination programme will pause while arrangements for the continuing to vaccinate safely under alert level 4 are put in place.

People who have appointments that are affected will be contacted to provide information on rebooking. Everyone who has a booking in the system will still get vaccinated.