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COVID-19- State of our Nation

	Total	Change in last 24 hours
Number of confirmed cases in New Zealand	1,124	2
Number of probable cases	348	1
Number of confirmed and probable cases	1,472	3
Number of cases currently in hospital	11	-1
Number of cases currently in hospital	9	2
Number of recovered cases	1,214	34
Number of deaths	19	0

Today we have two new confirmed cases of COVID-19 to report and one new probable case. The two confirmed cases can be traced to a known source. One confirmed case is linked to the Marist cluster in Auckland and the other confirmed case is linked to the Gladys Mary Rest Home in Hawke's Bay.

The probable case (from South Canterbury) is currently under investigation. This means the current national total is 1,472. Of our cases, 1,214 are reported as recovered – an increase of 34 on yesterday. 82% of all confirmed and probable cases have now recovered.

There are no additional deaths to report.



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Tairawhiti Rau Tipu, Rau Ora

The inaugural meeting of Tairawhiti Rau Tipu Rau Ora – Governance group for the Tairawhiti Regional Recovery Plan met on Friday to discuss the issues, challenges and opportunities ahead for our communities. The four Toitu Tairawhiti Iwi Chairs are members of Tairawhiti Rau Tipu, Rau Ora and Ngati Porou Chair, Selwyn Parata co-chairs the group with Gisborne Mayor, Rehette Stoltz.

The group released a Press Statement on Saturday advising the following

He anga whakamua – as the nation prepares to move down to COVID-19 Alert Level 3, planning to rebuild our resilient region is well underway through the Tairāwhiti Regional Recovery Plan.

The members of Tairāwhiti Rau Tipu Rau Ora , the Regional Recovery Governance Group are; Council's Mayor, Tairawhiti Iwi Chairs, Hauora Tairāwhiti Chair, Trust Tairāwhiti Chair and the Chair of the Eastland Group.

Co-Chair Mayor Rehette Stoltz said “ we're in a steady position to build Tairāwhiti back up again “Our regional economy here in Te Tairāwhiti has some good bones to help us bounce back”.

Selwyn Parata said he was pleased that Tairāwhiti Rau Tipu, Rau Ora is building on existing governance and operational infrastructure, such as the TEAP and Manaaki Tairāwhiti rather than building something new. “This would have been a distraction when we need to apply our energy and focus to getting things done”. He is also keen on a Tairāwhiti-led response and recovery plan rather than one that is led out of Wellington. Tairāwhiti communities have already demonstrated their resilience through the lockdown and this needs to continue into the recovery and beyond,” says Mr Parata.

The [Tairāwhiti Economic Action Plan](#) (TEAP) was refreshed at the end of 2019 and Council signed off on the [Tairāwhiti 2050 Spatial Plan](#) earlier this year.

Trust Tairāwhiti Chief Executive Gavin Murphy sees the benefits of bolstering support for local enterprise. “We are set up to support our businesses and community groups and we recognise we need a huge emphasis on communicating with and supporting those who are doing it tough.”

Our regional social sector forum, Manaaki Tairāwhiti, will bring our agencies and providers together to help local whānau through the coming months says Manaaki co-chair Herewini Te Koha, “We'll need to be smart, practical and collaborative, and I'm sure we will.”

“Council through its Civil Defence responsibilities has traditionally led recovery planning but COVID-19 is something none of us have ever experienced before. This requires a shift from our traditional



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recovery model to one where we put our respective hats to the side while we work in true partnership for our region" says Council's Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann.

"The Tairāwhiti Regional Recovery Plan will assess and create actions to address the immediate, short and long term needs of our communities, iwi and businesses".

In addition to the planning work, there are already a lot of initiatives supporting businesses and our community.

Trust Tairawhiti have surveyed and spoken with over 350 businesses and community groups since Level 4 commenced. Businesses identify a reduction in customers, short term cash flow and staff wellbeing as the biggest areas of concern and would like support with financial planning, business continuity and strategy. Community groups identified financial support, along with whanau and social support, as the biggest requirements.

The Trust is supporting businesses with a series of Regional Business Partners virtual sessions covering HR, cashflow, leadership during crisis, and getting employees back to work. Sessions over the next week will include restructuring and managing the move to Alert Level 3. The "Let's Shop Tairāwhiti!" Facebook page has received a lot of interest and over 120 businesses have already registered.

Community organisations continue to do amazing work and we have supported initiatives, such as Te Aroha Kanarahi Trust for Go-to-Bags for the region's most vulnerable, Gizzy Kai Rescue for food distribution and Tauawhi Men's Centre, to support their phone support service.

"Community feedback gave us really good information and the Trust felt we were in a position to support these projects immediately, while sharing our knowledge and resources with other local leaders to consider in shaping the Tairāwhiti Regional Recovery Plan" said Murphy.

In addition to the planning work, local businesses are already tapping into the suite of government recovery initiatives that have been rolled out, including the wage subsidy, while local social and health sector groups have demonstrated an agility, that is critical in times of rapid change and uncertainty.

An integrated approach will ensure our communities realise the Tairawhiti Regional Recovery Plan goal

Buying Local and supporting local businesses

"Let's Shop Tairawhiti is a business initiative established to encourage local people to shop local as a way of supporting local businesses, produce, services and enterprises. It is an initiative that we can all get in behind to do our bit to support the local economy, build local resistance and help maintain local businesses that have struggled in Alert Level 4 and still face uncertain times over the next few months.



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We all need to back ourselves, work together to protect against the closure of local businesses and support local employers. We need each other now more than ever before.

Government -COVID-19

How to do business safely

Under Alert Level 3, there are restrictions to keep workers safe, limit interaction with customers, and help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Businesses must self-assess their ability to meet these restrictions and operate safely, just as they would normally to meet their duties under the Health and Safety at Work Act. Government agencies will not make these decisions for businesses.

Doing business safely:

- your business cannot operate if it requires close physical contact.
- staff should work from home if they can.
- customers cannot come onto your premises unless you are a supermarket, dairy, petrol station, pharmacy or permitted health service.
- your business must be contactless. Your customers can pay online, over the phone or in a contactless way. Delivery or pick-up must also be contactless.
- you must maintain hygiene measures, including physical distancing, hand washing and regularly cleaning surfaces.
- Your workers must stay home if they are sick.
- For retailers, manufacturers, and the service industries, if you did not use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) before COVID-19. you don't need it now.
- For essential healthcare workers, border agencies, courts and tribunal staff, first responders, and corrections staff, different PPE guidance applies.
- you must meet all other health and safety obligations.

Businesses providing necessities

Businesses providing necessities, such as supermarkets, pharmacies, dairies and petrol stations that were deemed essential under Alert Level 4 can continue to operate under Alert Level 3 as they have been.

Any business providing necessities must minimise, or eliminate if possible, physical interactions among staff and with and between customers ensure appropriate health, hygiene and safety measures are in place.



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For example, dairies and petrol stations can remain open at all Alert Levels, if they can operate safely. At Alert Level 3, prepared food and drink can be bought and sold, but cannot be consumed by customers onsite.

Resources and sector-specific guidance

Government agencies will not determine if individual businesses can operate, nor will they keep a register of businesses that meet the guidelines.

WorkSafe has guidance to help you determine if your business can operate safely, including sector-specific guidance.

Business.govt.nz has practical advice on different alert level restrictions and answers to common questions.

Helpline for business support

A free helpline service has been launched for all New Zealand businesses. It can offer you:

- specific advice and access to Government-funded business support
- advice on what Alert Level 3 means for your business
- general business advice and access to online resources and webinars
- connections to business advisory services.

To find out more call [0800 500 362](tel:0800500362) (North Island), or [0800 50 50 96](tel:0800505096) (South Island).

If your question cannot be answered immediately you will be supported through the process to get assistance from the Regional Business Partner network.

Developing a COVID-19 safety plan

If you are a business owner or workplace manager, you need to have a COVID-19 safety plan to manage how you and your staff are going to work safely and healthily in a COVID-19 environment. You need to work closely with staff in developing your plan and it must be shared with all staff. Templates and guidance are available on the WorkSafe website.

Transport and travel by alert level

There are still restrictions on travel under Alert 3. If you need to travel for work, the Ministry of Transport has guidance covering what you need to consider when travelling.

If you are travelling with colleagues, such as in a car together, WorkSafe has guidance on how to do this safely.



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Ensuring businesses are doing the right thing

Health and safety

As the regulator, WorkSafe, will carry out spot checks to make sure businesses and workers are operating safely under the Alert Level 3 guidance.

If you have concerns about a business, report it to the COVID-19 Compliance Centre.

Alert Level 3

New Zealand moved to Alert Level 3 at 11:59pm on Monday 27 April. We will stay in Alert Level 3 for two weeks, before Cabinet reviews how we are tracking and makes further decisions on 11 May.

At Alert Level 3 we must be vigilant. We can keep working together to unite against COVID-19 by sticking to the rules.

Personal movement

Limiting our interactions with others is our best defence against COVID-19. Under Alert Level 3 we must continue to stay in our household bubbles whenever we are not at work, school, buying the groceries or exercising.

People must stay within their household bubble but can expand this to reconnect with close family/whanau, or bring in caregivers, or support isolated people. It is important to protect your bubble if you extend it. Keep your bubble exclusive and only include people where it will keep you and them safe and well. If anyone within your bubble feels unwell, they should self-isolate from everyone else within your bubble.

Examples of expanding your bubble

- If a relative or loved one lives locally and is currently alone, you can extend your bubble to include them.
- If you are returning to work and need to make childcare or other care arrangements for those already in your bubble, a care provider can join your bubble.

Travelling around New Zealand

If you were in the wrong place when the restrictions came into place, and need to get home, you can now move throughout New Zealand to do so. There are some restrictions if you do travel. You can only move once, and in 1 direction.

[Travel within New Zealand](#)

[Restrictions for travelling during Alert Level 3\(external link\)](#)



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New Zealand citizens living in the Cook Islands, Niue or Tokelau can travel domestically within New Zealand to connect to international flights to these islands.

Alert Level 3 Patai

What is a bubble?

A bubble is your household — the people you live with. Under Alert Level 3, you can slightly extend your bubble. For example, you can bring in a caregiver, or children who might be in shared care. Or, if you are living alone, or a couple who wants the company of another one or two people. These people do not need to live in the same household but must be local. Always keep your bubble exclusive and keep it small.

What if my bubble isn't safe?

If the situation in your bubble is unsafe or life-threatening you can leave your bubble immediately and seek help from a neighbour or friend. Once there you can reach out to the police, or Women's Refuge. If you are in this situation or concerned for someone else, find out what support is available.

How far can I drive to do a recreation activity?

You should drive as short a distance as you can, and still do the activity. You must stay local. Your nearest recreational area could mean travelling to a neighbouring region if you live on a regional boundary, as long as this is still local and a close distance to your home. Travel to your nearest park or beach, not your favourite one.

What sort of activities can I do?

You can do low-risk recreation activities in your local area, for example to go for a walk or a run. You can go for a swim at the beach, a day walk, or fishing from a wharf.

You can hunt on private land, but not on public conservation land. You need to stay within your region and stick to your bubble. Overnight trips are not allowed. You may only hunt on foot — using quad bikes, off-road bikes, helicopters and other motorised vehicles is not allowed.

Boating, yachting and any team sports or training are not allowed.

Education

Most tertiary education will be through distance learning. Tertiary education facilities may open for limited activities involving small groups of up to 10 people where the members of the group stay the same and maintain physical distancing. Examples of these limited activities include campus research that cannot be done off campus, lab work, and practical hands on learning such as trades courses. Courses where close contact is unavoidable will remain online only.



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Is it safe for my child to go to school?

Yes, it is safe for your child to go to school. The restrictions on the numbers of children are necessary due to the need for physical distancing, transport constraints, and limited resources. The limits also help reduce the risk.

Businesses and employees

There is guidance for businesses and employees under Alert Level 3

Examples of businesses and employees under Alert Level 3

- If you run a takeaway business, you can reopen it if you have pre-ordered contactless pick up or can provide home delivery.
- A real estate agent can open, but people should work from home if they can. The agent can enter people's homes, but not have customers in the office. You cannot run an open home.
- Construction businesses can start work again but strict hygiene measures must be put in place — and office staff who can work from home should do so.

Why can't people queue or browse in a retail shop?

This is about managing the risk of transmission. Retail shops can be difficult to control in terms of physical distancing and keeping surfaces clean. Exceptions have been made for businesses like supermarkets, but right now the risk of transmission is too high to allow this more widely. Measures like drive-through or home delivery better manage this risk, but unfortunately, not everyone will be able to do this.

When will businesses that involve close personal contact be allowed to open?

Right now, the risk of transmission from people providing services that require close personal contact, for example, hairdressers, manicurists, beauticians, domestic cleaners, personal trainers, gymnasiums, is too great. These businesses can resume under Alert Level 2, with appropriate health measures in place.

How do I find out about my rights as a worker, will wage subsidies continue?

Employment New Zealand has advice, including on health and safety, financial support and speaking up.

Travel and transport

The primary aim of travel restrictions is to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in New Zealand by reducing contact between people, including by stopping or restricting some types of travel. This is the best way to fight COVID-19 and ultimately save lives in New Zealand.



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Travel is still restricted and is only allowed for permitted movement in your local area, for example going to work or school, shopping, or getting exercise.

Other travel

Other travel should not be undertaken. The risk of transmitting the disease is too high. This is not a time to take a holiday, travel between regions to celebrate birthdays or travel from one side of a city to the other to go to a supermarket when there is a suitable one in your local area.

Examples of travel and transport

- If you need to go to work or school, you can make your usual commute, even if you cross a regional boundary to do so.
- You cannot travel to another region for recreation or work unless you are an essential worker travelling for work.
- You should not take a flight to another region unless you are an essential worker, travelling to do essential work.

How far can I travel?

Do not travel inter-regionally unless your local area crosses a regional boundary. Keep as local as you can, while doing your usual commute to work and school. This is only if you are not working from home or doing distance learning.

You should avoid public transport if you are sick. Call your GP or Healthline to get advice.

Gatherings and events

Gatherings and events create a high risk of transmitting COVID-19. At Alert Level 3, we are keeping tight restrictions on gatherings. The only permitted gatherings of up to 10 people are for:

- funerals and tangihanga
- wedding ceremonies, not receptions.

Examples of gatherings and events

If you hold a wedding ceremony:

- the 10-person limit means there can only be the couple, the celebrant, a couple of witnesses and family
- those who do attend must keep themselves and others safe
- keep a list of those who attend, stay at least 2 meters apart and wash hands regularly.

Most people will still need to attend through video conferencing.



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At risk people

There is guidance for people at higher risk of COVID-19. It includes advice under the different Alert Levels, who is at higher risk, and how they can protect themselves.

Staying safe and well

We should work together to stay safe and well at every Alert Level. Kindness to others is a powerful way to look after each other.

Remember,

In every alert level, people should take measures to stay safe and well. including

- Regularly disinfect surfaces
- Wash and dry your hands thoroughly and regularly
- Do not touch your face
- Stay home if you are sick
- Call Healthline if you suspect you have COVID-19 symptoms: **0800 358 5453**
- For any other COVID-19 related queries, contact the Government helpline **0800 779 997**
- Get tested for COVID-19 if you have flu like symptoms – call your GP or Healthline
- Continue to seek primary medical care.
- Restrict or travel to the purchase of essential provisions and or medical care.
- Need to talk? Call or text **1737**
- Visit allright.org.nz for practical mental health and wellbeing advice
- Essential business enquiries essential@mbie.govt.nz or **0800 22 66 57**
- Report breaches of self-isolation 105.police.govt.nz

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