



2nd March 2020

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) update

Help us to keep you and everyone else safe

The Prime Minister has announced the first case of COVID-19 has been confirmed in New Zealand. The Ministry of Health has noted that although we have our first case of COVID-19, the chances of community outbreak remain low.

Updated information from the Ministry of Health

As announced on Friday by the Ministry of Health, there are now two categories for travellers arriving in New Zealand:

- **Category 1** – People who have travelled from or transited through countries in category one in the last 14 days are required to self-isolate for 14 days and contact Healthline after they have left the countries. **Mainland China and Iran are the two countries included in this category (with Iran added to this category on Friday 28 February).**
- **Category 2** – People who have travelled from or via countries listed in category two who develop symptoms of fever, cough or shortness of breath should seek medical advice by first phoning Healthline's dedicated COVID-19 number 0800 358 5453 or contacting their GP including phoning ahead of their visit. As at Friday 28 February **countries in this category are Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and Thailand.**

We encourage you to keep updated about the status of COVID-19 on the [Ministry of Health website](#).

Pandemic plan

Part of our Pandemic Plan review is to look at communication with our community around key information and in case of school closures. The school app is an incredibly effective communication tool and if you have a smartphone, we recommend you download the free school app. We will also continue to update via the school news bulletin and email.

Kind regards
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