

# Covid-19 timeline: A look back at how NZ responded to the crisis, eliminating all active cases

MON, JUN 8 • SOURCE: 1 NEWS

## TVNZ, 2020a

Covid timeline 9 April

It was announced this afternoon that no active Covid-19 cases remain in New Zealand. Here's a look back at how we achieved elimination.

Health officials announced today that there are no longer any active Covid-19 cases. Source: 1 NEWS

February 2: Jacinda Ardern announces a ban on travellers from mainland China as cases there continue to grow.

February 28: The first case of Covid-19 is announced in New Zealand, as a person in their 60s tests positive after arriving from Iran.

March 5: First locally transmitted case occurs, as an Auckland man in his 40s was infected by a family member who had returned from Iran.

March 19: All border entries closed to non-New Zealand residents and those arriving must self-isolate for 14 days.

March 21: A four-tiered alert level system is introduced to try and manage Covid-19 in New Zealand, and those over 70 years old are asked to stay home. The country begins at Alert Level 2, but this is quickly moves to Alert Level 3 two days later.

March 25: The nation moves from Alert Level 3 to Alert Level 4, putting all of New Zealand into a full lockdown in which only trips for essential needs are allowed and essential workers are the only people allowed to leave home for work.

March 29: First death from Covid-19 recorded in the country. The woman who died was in her 70s and lived on the West Coast.

4th

Anne Guenole died from Covid-19 in Greymouth. Source: 1 NEWS

---

April 5: The country reaches over 1000 cases at 1039.

April 10: All people arriving into New Zealand must undergo a 14-day supervised quarantine.

April 27: Alert Level 4 drops to 3 after just over one month at Level 4.

May 13: As the rate of cases continues to slow, New Zealand moves to Alert Level 2.

May 29: The social gathering limit is raised from 10 to 100 people.

But other restrictions to gatherings still apply as New Zealand remains in Alert Level 2. Source: 1 NEWS

---

June 5: The 14th day of no new Covid-19 cases is recorded.

June 8: For the first time since the pandemic first took hold in New Zealand, there are no **active cases of Covid-19** detected within our borders.

This afternoon, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced New Zealand will move to Covid-19 Alert Level 1 at midnight tonight. ^

[New Zealand](#)

[Coronavirus Pandemic](#)

[Politics](#)

[Covid-19 Advice and Info](#)

[Health](#)



What you need to know straight to your inbox,  
7am every weekday morning.

Enter your email here

Sign up

## MORE FROM THE WEB

### Arthritis or Joint Pain? Doctor Says Do This First Thing Each Morning

Jupiter Laboratories Supplements

### Is Funeral Insurance Really Worth It?

Momentum Life

### Pregnant Beggar Was Asking for Help, But Then One Woman Followed Her

House Coast

### Netflix Cancellations And Renewals: Effective Immediately

thedelite.com

Sponsored Links by Taboola

## POPULAR STORIES



[Jacinda Ardern says public bears some responsibility for housing crisis after failed taxation attempts](#)

► [Landslide forces residents of two homes in Porirua to evacuate as wild weather continues to lash region](#)



► [White Island owners among those charged in WorkSafe investigation over eruption tragedy](#)



► ['A bit emotional watching this' - The Rock responds to Christchurch boy's video on domestic violence](#)



► [Jacinda Ardern says NZ can talk tough to China, but will do so 'predictably'](#)



MORE FROM  
**NEW ZEALAND**

[MORE >](#)



01:52

Court considers appeal of former Dunedin doctor who stabbed teen to death

Air NZ crew in China with positive Covid-19 case will isolate after returning tomorrow

02:23

White House still planning holiday parties, despite warnings from health officials over Covid-19

Covid-19 vaccines look promising, but Ardern says it's too soon for any border changes

---

## NSW premier under pressure over failure to isolate while awaiting Covid-19 test result

TUE, NOV 24 • SOURCE: AAP

---

NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian is under pressure to prove she did not breach health rules on budget day last week by failing to isolate while waiting for the result of her coronavirus test.



NSW Health guidelines require anyone who has undergone a Covid-19 test to self-isolate until a negative result is received.

A spokeswoman for the premier denied she did the wrong thing as she never had any symptoms of the virus, and the test itself was precautionary.

"At no stage did the premier have Covid-19 symptoms and therefore (she) did not require a test," she said yesterday.

"However, as the premier began losing her voice, she took a precautionary test as she anticipated that she would be asked if she had had a Covid test."

Tourism Minister Stuart Ayres told ABC television's Q&A programme yesterday the premier did not breach any health protocols.

"If you're not exhibiting symptoms and you're taking a precautionary test, I think what the premier's done here is right," he said.

The test was administered last Tuesday in the afternoon and in her office, the spokeswoman said.

"A rapid negative result was returned in around two hours."

Berejiklian was present at the treasurer's budget speech at noon (2pm NZT) and for Question Time in state parliament from 2.15pm (4.15pm NZT) on Tuesday.

Opposition health spokesman Ryan Park said the premier needed to clarify if she attended meetings with colleagues before her results were known.

"It was clear last week that the premier had a scratchy throat which we all know is a symptom of Covid-19," he said in a statement.

"There must be no doubt that the premier followed her own health department's advice."

[World](#)

[Australia](#)

[Coronavirus Pandemic](#)

## MORE FROM THE WEB

### If Joint Pain Is Seriously Affecting Your Life, You Should Try This Today

Jupiter Laboratories Supplements

### Why The Royal Family Kept Quiet About Prince Harry's Sister

BridesBlush

### Dr. Phil's Divorce Settlement Has Finally Been Revealed

NinjaJournalist

### Palmerston North: New Shift is Coming to Cremation Costs

Experts in Money with Momentum Life Quotes

07:17

NZ's high workplace deaths 'not good enough'. Michael Wood says amid White Island prosecutions

---

Unilever to trial four-day working week with New Zealand-based staff

---

▶ White Island owners among those charged in WorkSafe investigation over eruption tragedy

---

▶ Landslide forces residents of two homes in Porirua to evacuate as wild weather continues to lash region

---

▶ Australia's war of words with China continues in wake of 'deeply offensive' image of Aussie soldier

---



1 NEWS APPS



FOLLOW 1 NEWS



SEND US YOUR STORY



MORE TVNZ

About TVNZ

Careers

Contact Us

Help & FAQs

House Rules

© TVNZ 2020

