

New Zealand Announces State of Emergency

New Zealand has entered a State of Emergency as preparations are underway to transition the country into alert level 4 lockdown. The total number of COVID-19 cases in New Zealand has reached 205 after 50 new cases were confirmed on 25 March 2020.

New Zealanders are already preparing for a total lockdown beginning at 11:59 pm on Wednesday 25 March and the increase in cases affirms that community transmission has begun in certain areas, such as an Auckland school with five confirmed cases of the virus.

Moving to a State of Emergency is a necessary part of dealing with this lockdown period, as there are powers outlined in the [Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002](#) that will be enabled with this. This includes the ability to close roads and public places, regulate land, air and water traffic and will enable the conservation of food, fuel and other essential supplies.

For more information please see the government COVID-19 website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

Main resources used:

Covid-19: State of Emergency declared in New Zealand
<<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/412561/covid-19-state-of-emergency-declared-in-new-zealand>> 25 March 2020

COVID-19: State of Emergency declared in New Zealand
<<https://www.newstalkzb.co.nz/news/national/coronavirus-covid-19-state-of-emergency-declared-in-new-zealand-50-new-cases-confirmed/>> 25 March 2020

'Deadly serious': Ardern addresses parliament as national emergency declared – Covid-19 live updates, March 25 <<https://thespinoff.co.nz/covid-19/25-03-2020/covid-19-nz-live-updates-march-24-yesterday-in-nz-recapped-a-crucial-new-edition-of-the-side-eye/>>