

COVID-19 has been dominating global news, legislation, case law and everything in between. To help you sift through this deluge of information, find meaningful insights and stay up-to-date, we've created a guide to running relevant searches and setting up alerts. We aim to ensure that you get precisely the information you need during this global pandemic.

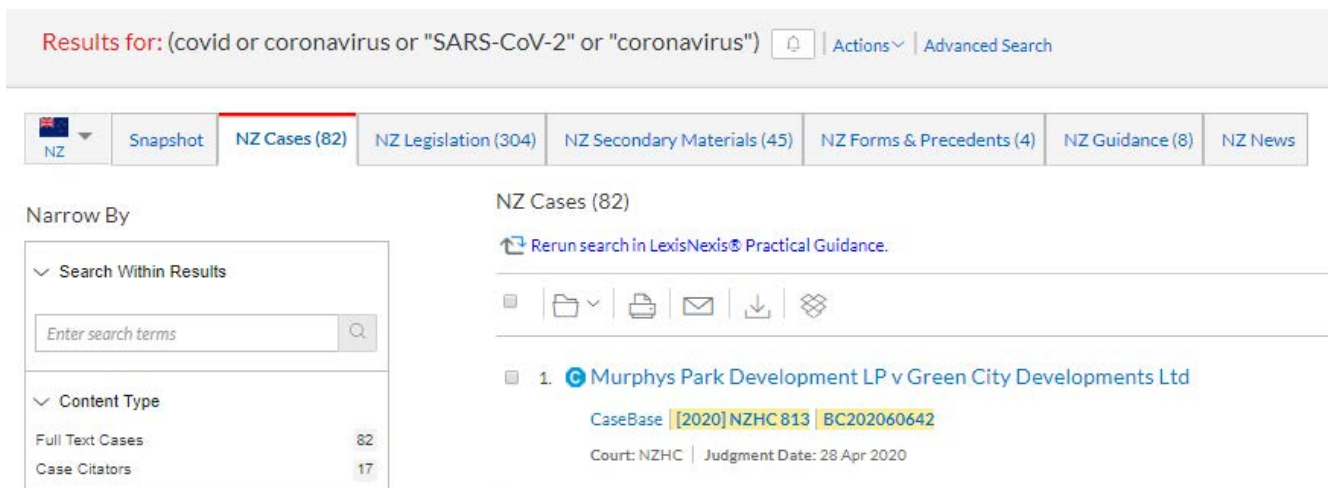
This guide can be used in both Australia and New Zealand.

The Simplest Way to Stay on Top of COVID-19 Information

1. Copy one of our pre-created **Pre-created COVID-19 Search Strings** (see the table at the end of this document), paste into the Lexis Advance Red Search Bar on the homepage or into the 'Terms' field in any Advanced Search Form, and click on the search icon.




2. It will take you to the search results view within Lexis Advance. From there, you can choose a relevant content type for your query (Cases, Legislation etc), filter the results to meet your needs (Jurisdiction, Publication etc), or sort the results by Date or Relevance.

A screenshot of the Lexis Advance search results page. The top of the page shows the search results for the query "(covid or coronavirus or "SARS-CoV-2" or "coronavirus")". Below the search bar, there are tabs for "Snapshot", "NZ Cases (82)", "NZ Legislation (304)", "NZ Secondary Materials (45)", "NZ Forms & Precedents (4)", "NZ Guidance (8)", and "NZ News". The "NZ Cases (82)" tab is selected. On the left side, there is a "Narrow By" section with a search box and a "Content Type" section showing "Full Text Cases" with 82 results and "Case Citators" with 17 results. The main content area shows the first result: "1. Murphys Park Development LP v Green City Developments Ltd". The result includes the case name, the case base "[2020] NZHC 813 BC202060642", and the court and judgment date: "Court: NZHC | Judgment Date: 28 Apr 2020".

How to set up an Alert on Lexis Advance

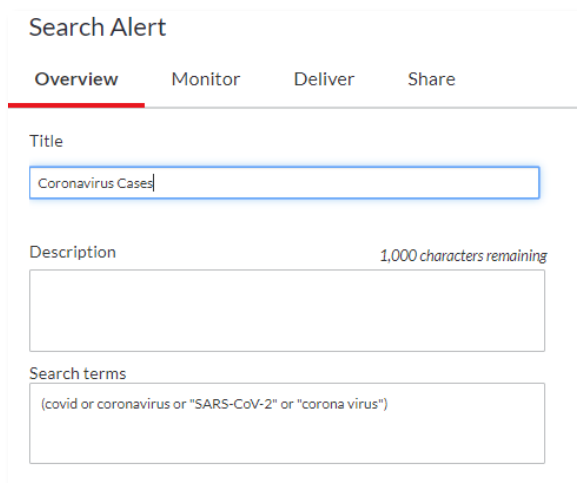
1. Once you are happy with your search parameters, save the search as an Alert to receive daily notifications in your inbox and/or new relevant items to a folder within Lexis Advance. Simply click on the bell icon, found between your search terms and the 'Actions' menu.

Results for: (covid or coronavirus or "SARS-CoV-2" or "coronavirus")  | [Actions](#) | [Advanced Search](#)

2. A pop up box will appear to guide you through the options. Click through the tabs to set your alert preferences.

Overview Tab

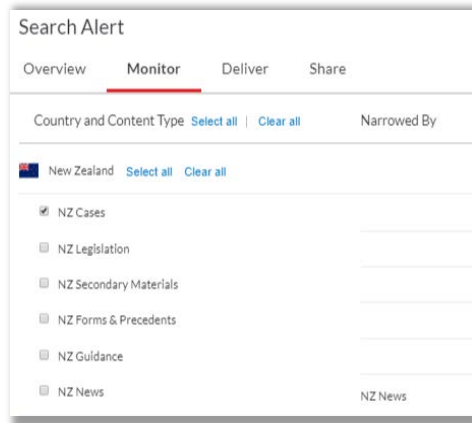
- Title: Name your alert.
- Description: An optional field for providing more detail, for example to remind yourself about the objective of the alert, or why you selected certain parameters.
- Search terms: This field will be pre-populated with the search string you have used.



The screenshot shows a 'Search Alert' dialog box with four tabs: Overview, Monitor, Deliver, and Share. The 'Overview' tab is selected. It contains three input fields: 'Title' with the text 'Coronavirus Cases', 'Description' with a '1,000 characters remaining' indicator, and 'Search terms' with the pre-populated text '(covid or coronavirus or "SARS-CoV-2" or "corona virus")'.

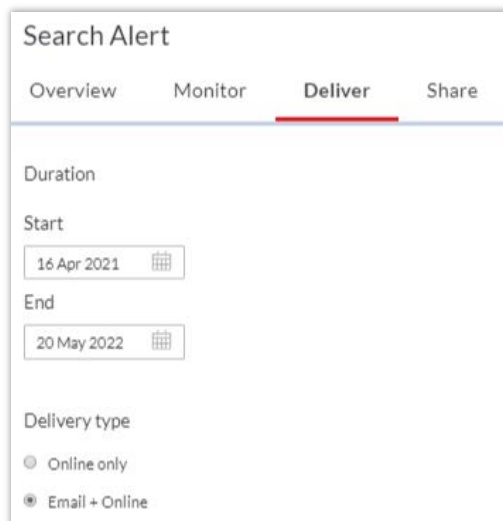
Monitor Tab:

- Select the jurisdictions and content types included in the alert. In this example, we have elected to only monitor New Zealand Case Law. However, we can expand our search alert to additional content types, e.g. Legislation.



Deliver Tab

- **Dates:** Select start and/or end dates for the alert.
- **Delivery type:** Choose 'Online only' to see alert items when you log in to Lexis Advance. Select 'Email + Online' to receive alerts in your inbox.



Share Tab

Type the email addresses of Lexis Advance users with whom you want to share. You can:

- enter a user name directly (using the format last name, first name); or
- enter a user's email address.

As you are typing, a list of user names may appear matching the characters you have typed. If you see the user name you want, select it from the list. You can only share content with other LexisNexis authorised users, e.g. other lawyers in your firm.

Finally, click Create an Alert.

Search Alert Help ×

Overview Monitor Deliver **Share**

Enter a user's name (using the format of last name, first name), or enter the user's email address.

Add to Share

Added Contacts

Currently not sharing

Note 1,000 characters remaining

3. Depending on the delivery type selected, you can receive alerts via Email or through the Alerts pods on Lexis Advance (Online).

Email Alert Notification: receive alert emails in your inbox as often as you choose, based on the settings you selected in the 'Deliver' tab of the pop up.

Updates for Search alert '(covid or coronavirus or "SARS-CoV-2" or "coronavirus")'

alerts@lexisnexis.com
To: Wakelin, Alex (LNG-AKL)

If there are problems with how this message is displayed, click here to view it in a web browser.
Click here to download pictures. To help protect your privacy, Outlook prevented automatic download of some pictures in this message.

Alerts

1 new result has been found for your Search alert. To view your results, click [\(covid or coronavirus or "SARS-CoV-2" or "coronavirus"\)](#) and sign in to Lexis Advance®.

Results Summary (click a category name to view those results)	Number of new results
Full Text Cases	0
UK Cases	0
AU Cases	1

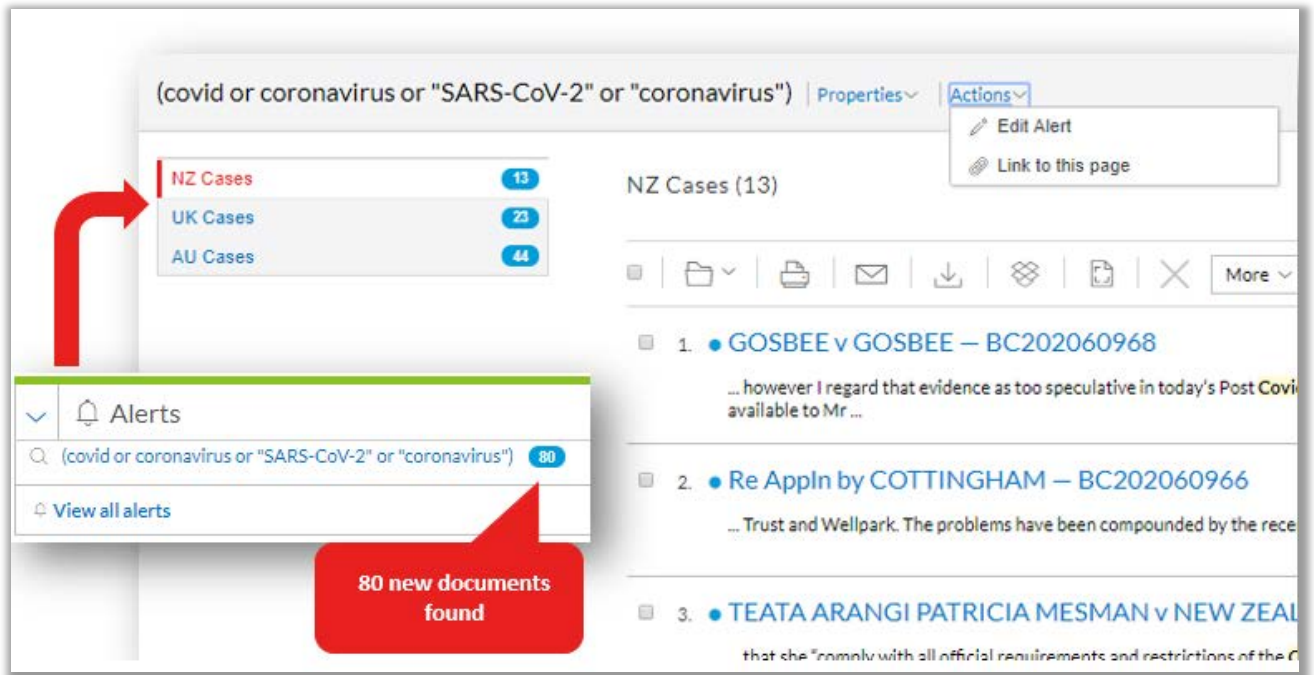
AU Cases (1 new result) Top

1. [R v RAYMOND TALIMALIE -- BC202048355](#)

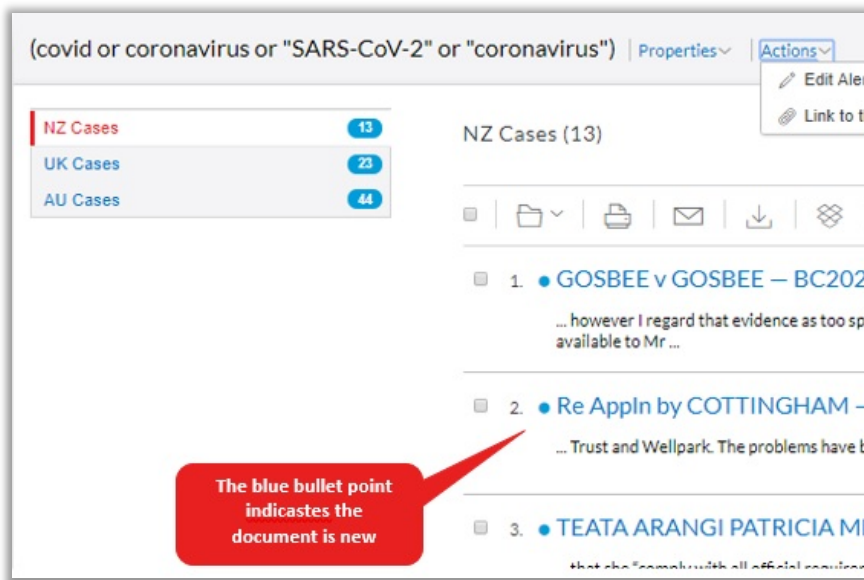
... COVID-19 Pandemic ... Date & Time
26 May 2020 12:23:36 p.m. NZST

Overview: CRIME — Sentencing — Grievous bodily harm with intent — Actual bodily harm in company — Affray — Three co-accused — Dispute over facts — Whether offender to be dealt with as juvenile or adult.

Access the Alert via the Alerts Pod on Lexis Advance home page



4. In the Alerts pod, you can click on new results and edit the parameters of the Alert itself, by clicking on "Edit Alert" under the Actions link.



Pre-created COVID-19 Search Strings

We have created a range of search strings below, starting with a general COVID-19 search string. Here are some pre-populated search strings that users can copy and paste into Lexis Advance to find documents across our case law, legislation, commentary, and news sources.

Description	Search String
General COVID-19 search	<i>(covid or coronavirus or "SARS-CoV-2" or "corona virus")</i>
For a search across cases from a particular practice area mentioning COVID, combine a keyword search with a catchword search. In this example, cases containing both a COVID search terms AND the word 'criminal' or 'bail' in the catchwords or headnotes will be returned.	<i>covid or coronavirus or "SARS-CoV-2" or "corona virus" and (catchwords(criminal or bail) or case-summary(criminal or bail))</i>
A search for any documents which mention COVID in a document title or heading .	<i>(article-title((covid or coronavirus or "SARS-CoV-2" or "corona virus")) or doc-title((covid or coronavirus or "SARS-CoV-2" or "corona virus")) or heading((covid or coronavirus or "SARS-CoV-2" or "corona virus")))</i>
To search for any document which mentions both references to COVID and a concentration of other relevant terms, use the 'atleast' connector. In this example, documents will only be returned if they contain COVID references and at least 3 instances of one or more of the following terms: 'agm' or 'annual general meeting'.	<i>(covid or coronavirus or "SARS-CoV-2" or "corona virus") and atleast3 (agm or "annual general meeting")</i>
For a search on discussion of COVID in relation to a specific issue or topic, try the 'within paragraph' (w/p) connector. In this example, documents will be returned which contain one or more of the COVID terms in the same paragraph which mentions employee rights .	<i>(covid or coronavirus or "SARS-CoV-2" or "corona virus") w/p (employee rights)</i>
In this example, documents will be returned which contain one or more of the COVID terms in the same sentence, within 3 words, or contains terms mentioning cyber security	<i>(covid or coronavirus or "SARS-CoV-2" or "corona virus") and ((covid or coronavirus or "SARS-CoV-2" or "corona virus") w/s (cybersecurity or "cyber security" or cybercrime or ((security w/3 privacy) w/3 concerns))) or terms(coronavirus and cybercrime)</i>
This example will return documents which contain one or more of the COVID terms within the same paragraph (w/p) which mentions commercial and retail leases in Australia.	<i>(covid or coronavirus or "SARS-CoV-2" or "corona virus") and ((covid or coronavirus or "SARS-CoV-2" or "corona virus") w/p (lease or "retail leas*" or "commercial lease" or "rental payment"))</i>
This example will return documents which contain one or more of the COVID terms in documents which mentions commercial leases , ADLS or rent payments in New Zealand.	<i>(covid or coronavirus or "SARS-CoV-2" or "corona virus") and ((covid or coronavirus or "SARS-CoV-2" or "corona virus") and (lease or "commercial leas*" or "ADLS" or "rental payment"))</i>

<p>This example is a general search for documents mentioning one or more COVID terms in the same document as property, settlement, “sale and purchase” or mortgage in New Zealand</p>	<p><i>(covid or coronavirus or "SARS-CoV-2" or "corona virus") and (property or settlement or "sale and purchase" or "mortgage")</i></p>
<p>This example is a general search for documents mentioning one or more COVID terms within the same paragraph (w/p) property, settlement, “sale and purchase” or mortgage for Australia</p>	<p><i>(covid or coronavirus or "SARS-CoV-2" or "corona virus") w/p (property or settlement or "sale and purchase" or "mortgage")</i></p>

For a comprehensive list of search strings that can be used in our Lexis Advance and Nexis platforms, click on the Nexis [COVID-19 Research Tips](#) document for additional guidance. Please note this document was created with US research in mind. Some minor changes to the search strings may be required to allow these searches to return Australian / New Zealand results.

Need help with a search topic that is not covered here?

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