

The OTBNZ is conscious that many practitioners may be looking for reliable resources during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have combined a list of resources that may help inform decision making.

The [Ministry of Health](#) has a dedicated site which is updated daily. Information for health professionals is available [here](#).

The NZ government has a set up a [Covid-19](#) website which has links to many resources that are available.

Section 8 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act deals with issues of practitioners practising outside their scope of practice. In respect of the COVID-19 virus Section 8(3)(a) identifies that practitioners can practice outside of scope in an emergency. Additionally to this the Board has described boundaries to practice which can be accessed [here](#).

If you are considering ways of providing your care in ways that do not involve face to face contact then the [NZ telehealth resource centre](#) has resources that you may find useful.

ACC has information for clients and providers [here](#).

The [Office of the Privacy Commissioner](#) has published so FAQs about sharing information during the epidemic

[Safe travel](#) has information for anyone considering travel

The National Ethics Advisor Committee has published work on [ethical values](#) during a pandemic.

The [mental health foundation](#) has advice on looking after mental health and wellbeing during the pandemic

[Mental Health and Addiction Update](#) – Director General Robyn Shearer

[The Risk and Prevention of Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia Infections Among Inpatients in Psychiatric Hospitals](#)

[Managing acute disturbance in the context of COVID-19](#)

[Nosocomial infections in psychiatric hospitals during the new coronavirus pneumonia outbreak](#)

[COVID-19 and mental health: A review of the existing literature](#)

[Mental Health Services in Lombardy during COVID-19 outbreak](#)

[The COVID-19 Global Pandemic: Implications for People With Schizophrenia and Related Disorders](#)

International resources

The [World Federation of Occupational Therapists](#) has a collection of resources that may be useful during the pandemic.

The [World Health Organisation](#) also has information.

The [Lancet](#), [BJM](#), and [NIH](#) have all compiled lists of publications relating to the epidemic.