

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 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. OTNZ-WNA and OT Dr Fiona Graham are also hosting a Zoom training/sharing in telehealth delivery on Wed 25th March 12-1pm: Join [here](#).

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

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

The [Office of the Privacy Commissioner](#) has published so FAQ's 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.

[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.