

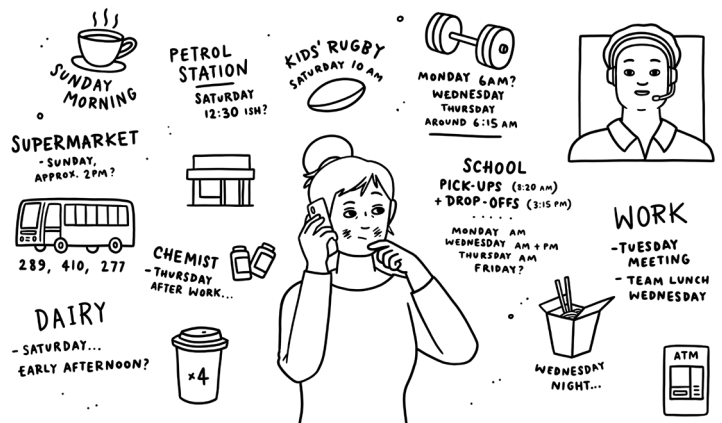
# The NZ COVID Tracer app: how contact tracing keeps us safe



So, you've tested positive with COVID-19. The first thing that happens is you're going to be interviewed by contact tracers.



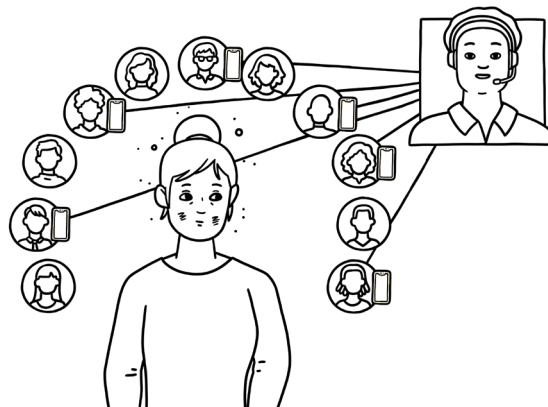
They need to know everywhere you've been in the past several days. You'll need to think back.



You'll also need to remember all the people you may have been in close contact with at all those places.



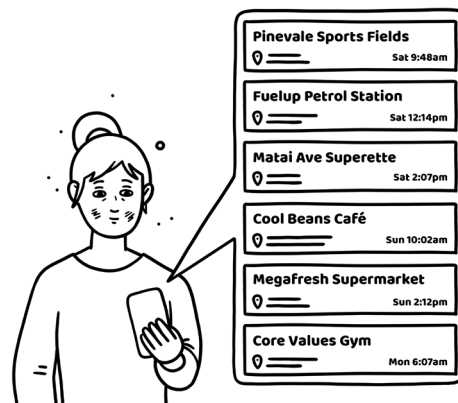
The contact tracers will need to track down all those people and ask them to self-isolate, look out for symptoms and possibly get tested. This takes time.



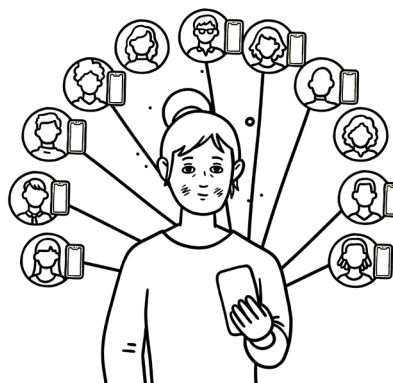
And at this point, time is critical. Every one of those close contacts could potentially get sick too, and every hour that goes by is another hour that the next person could be unknowingly starting a whole new cluster.



But things move faster if you've used the NZ COVID Tracer app. When you choose to share your digital diary with the contact tracers, they get a huge head-start in identifying your close contacts.



Then contact alerts can quickly notify anyone using the app that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 and ask them to look out for symptoms, isolate or get a test, as appropriate.



**Saving time prevents new clusters,  
new outbreaks, new lockdowns  
for us all. The faster we respond,  
the faster we can stop COVID-19.**



**So, even when it seems like things  
are under control, using the app  
at every Alert Level can stop new  
clusters before they start.**



**Protect our whānau  
and community.  
Use the app.**

