

# New Zealand PM adds 2 crucial figures to list of essential workers: The Tooth Fairy and Easter Bunny

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New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has named the Easter Bunny and Tooth Fairy "essential workers," so they can still deliver goodies during the coronavirus pandemic.

**(CNN)** — Kids, you can rest easy. The [coronavirus](#) will not prevent the Tooth Fairy and Easter Bunny from visiting you with presents.

You can thank New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, who added the two ~~mythical~~ *definitely real* characters to the list of essential workers.

"You'll be pleased to know that we consider both the Tooth Fairy and the Easter Bunny to be essential workers," Ardern said at a news conference Monday. "But as you can imagine, at this time, of course, they're going to be potentially quite busy at home with their family as well and their own bunnies."

"So I say to the children of New Zealand, if the Easter Bunny doesn't make it to your household, we have to understand that it's a bit difficult at the moment perhaps for the bunny to get everywhere," Ardern added.



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The Prime Minister went on to suggest that families could create Easter egg hunts for their neighborhood while respecting social distancing by drawing colored eggs and taping them to the front windows of their homes.

Ardern announced a nationwide lockdown on March 25. New Zealand has a much lower death toll than the rest of the world. As of Monday, the country has one confirmed death and 1,106 cases of the coronavirus, according to



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