

To: Forum Directors, Presidents, CEOs & Area Executives

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## COVID-19 LEVEL 3 AND 2 FOR ANOTHER 12 DAYS

Auckland will remain at Alert Level 3 and the rest of New Zealand to Alert Level 2 for another 12 days, until 11.59pm on Wednesday 26 August, the Prime Minister announced last night.

Finance Minister Grant Robertson said Cabinet has made an in-principle decision to extend the wage subsidy and modify the COVID-19 Sick Leave Scheme to make it more accessible. Details will be finalised over the weekend and announced on Monday. You can read the Finance Minister's press release [here](#).

This is a dynamic situation and the Road Transport Forum will bring you information as it comes to hand. We have reactivated our Covid-19 web page [here](#) – which we will update as information comes to hand.

### Issues at Ports

We are aware there is some concern about the interpretation of this order by the Ports regarding testing of truck drivers who drive on and off the port and we are working today to resolve this.

Covid-19 Public Health Response (COVID-19 Testing) Order 2020

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2020/0208/latest/LMS391296.html>

The latest information from MoT is below.

[Information from Ministry of Transport](#)

### **Auckland remains at Alert Level 3. The rest of New Zealand remains at Alert Level 2.**

Following on from the Prime Minister's announcement, a decision has been made that there are no changes to the COVID-19 Alert Levels. The Health Order has been extended until 26 August 2020.

Operators should continue to take all of the same precautions you are presently undertaking as part of your operations. We will continue to update you as soon as we have more information.

For all of the latest Alert Level transport guidance and information on the Ministry of Transport's webpage: <https://www.transport.govt.nz/about/covid-19/>.

The official government COVID-19 website remains the primary source of government information on COVID <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19/restrictions/current-alert-level/>

## **From the Road Transport Forum**

On Friday 14 August, RTF CE wrote to the Prime Minister and other relevant Ministers about keeping freight moving during the various Covid-19 alert level changes. You can read that letter [here](#).

If you have any concerns, please contact us.

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