



COVID-19 ADVISORY

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Covid-19 Advisory – NZ changes to Alert Levels 3 and 2

As you will now be aware, the Prime Minister and Director General of Health made an announcement last night about potential community transfer of Covid-19 in Auckland.

The steps they have decided to take include returning to Alert Level 3 in Auckland and Alert Level 2 for the rest of New Zealand from **12 noon today, Wednesday 12 August**, for three days.

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.

As you know, we have been here before. This will add stress to already stressed businesses and we urge you to take care of yourselves and your staff and to alert RTF of any concerns.

Below we have put the information from the Ministry of Transport that came through last night regarding supply chains. There is also a reminder on protocols under Alert Level 3.

The Government's Covid-19 information page can be found [here](#).

Guidance and protocols

When we went to Level 3 earlier in the year, WorkSafe signed off guidance and protocols developed by the RTF to help businesses transition to Alert Level 3. These include [Covid-19 workplace protocols for road freight transport](#), as guidance to businesses moving to Alert Level 3. You may need to refresh your memory on what is required.

Information from Ministry of Transport

This is the latest information we have received from the Ministry of Transport

Specific messaging for the supply chain sector:

- All freight should continue to move as per normal with physical distancing being observed
- The use of masks and PPE should be as per general instructions (see below)

Key messages to people in Auckland:

- Travel in and out of Auckland will be restricted to essential travel only, with roadblocks in place
- Work from home unless you are an essential worker
- All schools and childcare facilities will be closed except for children of essential service workers.
- All public facilities, bars, restaurants and businesses should close
- Supermarkets, pharmacies, and petrol stations remain open – shop as normal. Food delivery will be available
- Keep a 2 metre physical distance and wear a mask when in public when you can't distance
- Stay home if you're sick, wash your hands, cough or sneeze into your elbow, clean surfaces
- Keep a record of where you have been, use the NZ COVID app
- If you have cold or flu like symptoms call your GP or Healthline to book a free COVID-19 test, and get tested if asked
- The latest information can be found on www.covid19.govt.nz or the Unite Against Covid social media channels

Key messages to people outside Auckland:

The rest of New Zealand moves to Alert Level 2

- There will only be essential travel to/from Auckland
- Don't panic buy, all businesses outside Auckland are open with social distancing in place
- Keep a 2 metre physical distance and wear a mask when in public when you can't distance
- Stay home if you're sick, wash your hands, cough or sneeze into your elbow, clean surfaces
- if you are sick call your GP or Healthline to book a free COVID-19 test, and get tested if asked
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These measures are temporary to stop the spread of COVID-19 and will apply for the next three days while information is gathered and contact tracing and testing is underway.

The Ministry of Transport is seeking advice as to whether a short extension to physical distancing requirements for public transport (including ferry operators) can be allowed to enable operators to put this into place with least disruption to those seeking to return home; advice will be provided on this tomorrow.

This situation is fast-moving and further updates will follow.

Please visit the Ministry of Transport website for updates: <https://www.transport.govt.nz/about/covid-19/>

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