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Cabinet is reviewing whether we are ready to move to Alert Level 2 on Monday 11 May. Until then, we remain at Alert Level 3.

#### Plav it safe

You will have more freedom of movement at Alert Level 2, but it's up to each one of us to keep the rest of New Zealand safe.

These are the most important things that you can do:

- COVID-19 is still out there. Play it safe.
- Keep your distance from other people in public.
- If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise.
- If you have symptoms of cold or flu call your doctor or Healthline and get tested.
- Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
- Sneeze and cough into your elbow, regularly disinfect surfaces.
- If you have been told to self-isolate, you must do so immediately.
- Keep track of where you've been and who you've seen.

## **Controls at Level 2**

Alert Level 2 is **not** life as normal; some restrictions and other measures remain in place to reduce the risk of transmission.

- Maintain physical distancing.
- We will keep tight controls in place at our borders.
- Wide-scale testing will continue.
- We will find and self-isolate anyone who is unwell and their close contacts.
- There will be measures in place to allow some safe travel and socialising.
- Only small, controlled gatherings will be permitted.
- Early childhood centres, schools and tertiary organisations will see most people returning with controls in place.
- Physical distancing, hygiene standards and contact registers will make businesses safe.

# **Workplaces and businesses**

At Alert Level 2 businesses can operate if they're able to do so safely.

#### **Engaging with customers**

At Alert Level 2 businesses can have customers on their premises if they can meet public health requirements. This means businesses should:

- have good contact registers, or contact tracing records, in place to record everyone who you interact with on your premises
- maintain physical distancing of 1 metre between groups of customers.

Services can also be provided on customers' premises, for example, cleaning and home help.

This means that most businesses can open their premises to the public, including:

- bars and cafes
- hardware, gardening, and clothing retailers
- butchers, bakeries, and fishmongers.

Hospitality businesses should keep groups seated, separated, and use a single server if possible. This means each group has one server, though servers can each serve more than one table.

#### **Travel and transport**

You can travel, but make sure you do it in a safe way.

COVID-19 is a disease you can spread without knowing you have it. You can travel around the country if you follow good personal health measures. You will need to keep records of what travel services you use and keep track of who you have been in contact with. You should keep your distance from groups of people you don't know. You should minimise the number of places you stop on the way to your destination.

You must not travel to events which do not meet the requirements for gatherings at Alert Level 2.

Tips for minimising risk while travelling:

- Try to limit taking public transport or use at off-peak times.
- Avoid sitting next to someone you don't know or standing.
- If you're flying or taking other forms of transport that involve bookings, follow the physical distancing instructions from your transport operators.
- You must not travel if you are displaying symptoms of COVID-19, awaiting a test, or if you need to self-isolate.

More here.

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