

WGANZ COVID-19 BULLETIN 12 August 2020

Auckland is moving to Alert Level 3

Auckland region will move to Alert Level 3 at [12 noon on Wednesday 12 August 2020](#).

It will remain at Alert Level 3 for at least 3 days. This will give us time to assess the situation and gather information, including contact tracing, so we can find out more about how the case arose.

What you should do

If you are in Auckland, this is what you should do while we minimise the risk of transmission.

Work

Under Alert Level 3, you are encouraged work from home if you can.

Travel and self-isolation

If you are currently in Auckland and do not live in Auckland, we suggest that you go home. Practise good hygiene and be conscious of your health. We recommend that you keep your bubble small.

Businesses

Businesses are able to open but should not physically interact with customers.

Essential services including healthcare, justice services and businesses providing necessities are able to open.

Bars and restaurants should close, but takeaways are allowed.

When you're out and about

Maintain physical distancing of 2 metres outside your home, including on public transport.

It is highly recommended that you wear a mask if you are out and about.

Public transport can continue to operate with strict health and safety requirements. You should maintain physical distancing and wearing a mask.

Public venues should close. This includes libraries, museums, cinemas, food courts, gyms, pools, playgrounds and markets.

Gatherings

Gatherings of up to 10 people can continue, but only for wedding services, funerals and tangihanga. Physical distancing and public health measures should be maintained.

At-risk people

People at high risk of severe illness such as older people and those with existing medical conditions are encouraged to stay at home where possible, and take additional precautions when leaving home.

[Detailed information about life at Alert Level 3](#)

Rest of NZ Moves to Level 2

Workplaces and businesses

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

Golden rules for business at Alert Level 2:

- Do everything you can to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission at work — we all have a part to play in keeping each other safe.
- COVID-19 is still out there. Play it safe.
- All businesses can operate if they can do so safely. Alternative ways of working are still encouraged where possible.
- Talk with your workers to identify risks and ways to manage them.
- Ask everyone, workers, contractors and customers, with cold or flu-like symptoms to stay away from your premises.
- Keep groups of customers at least 1 metre apart, or 2 metres for retail businesses.
- Keep contact tracing records of anyone who will have close interaction for example workers, contractors or customers. Retail businesses are not required to keep contact tracing records.
- Reduce the number of shared surfaces, and regularly disinfect them.
- Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.

Engaging with customers

At Alert Level 2 businesses can have customers on their premises.

Work involving close personal contact

For some businesses, close personal contact is required to deliver a service. This includes:

- hairdressers
- home help providers.

These businesses can operate if they have public health measures in place like:

- keeping contact tracing registers
- keeping customers 1 metre apart, including while they're waiting
- good hygiene practices
- disinfecting surfaces in between customers.

Doing business safely

Businesses should maintain hygiene measures, including physical distancing, hand washing and regularly cleaning surfaces.

All businesses are encouraged to use alternative ways of working if possible.

If workers have symptoms of COVID-19, they should stay home.

Travel and transport

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

You can travel to other regions that are at Alert Level 2. You should not travel to regions at a higher Alert Level.

You should:

- keep records of what travel services you use and who you have been in contact with
- keep your distance from groups of people you don't know
- minimise the number of places you stop on the way to your destination.

Tips for minimising risk while travelling:

- If you can, try to avoid travelling on public transport at peak times. Consider alternative ways of travelling, like cycling or walking.
- While waiting for public transport avoid standing close to strangers and avoid sitting next to someone you don't know when on board. Follow the instructions from your transport operators.
- Maintain good hygiene – wash your hands often, sneeze or cough into your elbow.
- Keep track of your journey, including where and when you boarded and where you're sitting.
- If you can, try to take public transport at off-peak times.
- Avoid sitting or standing next to someone you don't know.
- 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.

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