



## **COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN: UPDATE 38**

23 August 2021

Update is a little later today, as we waited on the Prime Minister's press conference, in case there was something significant to report. The result perhaps reasonably predictable, with the Government announcing New Zealand will remain in Level 4 lockdown until 11:59pm on Friday 27 August. The lockdown status will be reviewed again on Friday (27 August) and an announcement will be made that afternoon. Auckland's Level 4 lockdown will remain in place until 11:59pm on Tuesday 31 August, and a review/announcement will be made on Monday 30 August.

Staying in Alert Level 4, means we continue as we are - staying home, staying safe, and remaining vigilant. I know lockdown measures can be difficult – but following stricter rules now, gives us the opportunity to get ahead of the virus and eliminate it from our communities.

The Leadership Group has made the decision to continue paying all staff at 100% this week, so please ensure your timesheets are completed in the same manner as last week. If lockdown measures persist, paying staff at 100% will eventually become more difficult. However, staff will be involved in a consultation process prior to any decision making on this matter.

Please continue to stay safe and be kind.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Costelloe', written in a cursive style.

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