



## COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN: UPDATE 33

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The announcement of 3 confirmed COVID-19 cases within a household in Auckland over the weekend (outside a managed isolation unit), has required a move up the Alert Level system. From 11:59pm last night Auckland moved into Alert Level 3 and the rest of the country into Alert Level 2. This change in Alert Level status will remain in force until midnight on Wednesday evening – this will be reviewed by the Government on a 24-hour basis and daily updates will be provided. Our team in Auckland have already received separate specific communication from their GM in relation to work procedures at Level 3.

For the rest of Delta, work will continue, but we need to abide by the rules outlined in our Level 2 work pack – this is available on ThinkTank [here](#). If you need help finding these documents, please contact your manager. Please note that the following are key for us:

- Delta offices are open.
- All staff, including vulnerable staff (Appendix 2), are expected to attend work - unless alternative arrangements have been approved by your GM. All precautionary measures should be undertaken.
- Metering & Field Operations field staff must operate within the 'Level 2 - Delta Site Visit BCP' (Appendix 3).
- All other field staff must operate within the 'Level 2 - Safe Working Protocol for Field Work' (Appendix 4).
- Office staff must operate within the 'Level 2 - Safe Working Protocol for Office Work' (Appendix 5).
- Delta lunchrooms will be open and staggered meal breaks are advisable.
- Keep 1-metre distance from workmate, when practicable. Keep 2-metres distance from strangers.
- Use of face masks on public transport are mandatory. Face masks in crowded areas are advised.
- Only essential inter-regional business travel is permitted, and must be approved by GM.
- External meetings are possible but use technology whenever you can.
- Contract cleaners will be on-site and will ensure common surfaces are regularly cleaned.
- All staff must track and trace their movements – the NZ COVID Tracer App makes this easy.
- All Government guidelines for Level 2 must be followed (Appendix 1).

The next 3 days will be crucial for understanding the magnitude of the recent outbreak and should give us better clarity on how we move forward as a country. We will continue to follow the Government's advice, as we did previously. The Pandemic Response Team will be working together to ensure we are well placed if a rapid move through the Alert Levels is needed.

Please note, if you have recently travelled to Auckland, including a transit stop from a different location, we must follow the guidelines available to us. If you are feeling unwell, please stay home. If you have COVID-19 symptoms, please get a test. If you are well and not exhibiting symptoms, carry on under the Level 2 guidelines, however, please ensure vigilance and precaution is taken.

I know that uncertainty might be creeping back into your mind, but the reoccurrence of community transmission was a likely outcome during this pandemic. Our Government and health services are well prepared, and a hard and fast approach is most effective. If you require any support, EAP services are always available to you or your family. Please remember to stay safe and more information will be released as the situation develops. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your manager in the first instance.

Regards

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