



## COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN: UPDATE 32

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The announcement of 4 confirmed cases within 1 family in Auckland (outside a managed isolation unit), has required a move up the Alert Level system. From midday today Auckland will move 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 Friday evening - essentially to allow the Government time to assess the situation and inform what action to take next. 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 - attached to this email. The following are key for us:

- You must keep a log of your contacts and movements. The Government has been very clear about the requirement of all individuals to keep an accurate record of movement and contacts. Your options for doing this are via the NZCOVID Tracer app, the contact tracing form on our ResponseAbility app or using a manual diary. My recommendation would be to use the Government's NZCOVID Tracer app. There are QR codes located around all Delta depots and this app can also be used to record your out of work movements.
- Any inter-regional travel must be approved by your GM and should be for essential purposes.
- At this stage, we won't be restricting visitor access to our offices. Sign-in is mandatory, whether via Who's On Location or a sign-in register (but we already do this pretty well). If you can utilise technology (via Teams or teleconference) for external meetings, please begin to do so.
- The Government has recommended the use of masks in confined public spaces i.e. public transport. At this stage we do not have a requirement for our staff to wear face masks when undertaking general duties. Adequate PPE stocks are available and should be used in accordance with the Level 2 work pack requirements
- Please practice physical distancing and ensure good hygiene practices are followed.
- If you are unwell, please stay home.

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. 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.

I know that times feel uncertain once again, but the reoccurrence of community transmission was a likely outcome. 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 for you or your family.

Please remember to stay safe and take all necessary precautions. 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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