



COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN: UPDATE 49

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First few days of Alert Level 2 and everyone seems to be settling in well. It's been nice seeing friendly faces around the office again (even though our masks are covering half our face). Thank you all for following the precautionary measures and being considerate of others in shared spaces at the moment. Although I haven't been out to site or in regional depots, I hear compliance with our Level 2 work pack has been great – so thank you and keep up the good work!

Masks have become much more common place at the moment, and if the rest of the world is any indication, it's likely the mask trend will stay for a while. Therefore, a friendly reminder to make sure you wear your mask properly and wash or change it frequently - useful guidance on mask wearing can be found [here](#). Additionally, we have decided to add a reusable, fabric mask option to our current supply of disposable masks. From a sustainability standpoint, a reusable mask is much more environmentally friendly and is a good option to have. Please keep an eye out for these, as we should have them in stock over the next week or so.

Operationally, our work schedules are full, and staff are busy. Last night's intense windstorm affected most of the South Island and has caused even more work for our field crews. Thank you to everyone who responded to faults and who are spending today tidying up fallen trees and debris. It's been a busy time and we appreciate your efforts!

On Monday, the Government will announce any changes to the country's alert level status. As always, we'll circulate an update after this announcement is made. I hope you all have a great weekend, and please remember to stay safe and be kind.

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