

21 October 2020

[REDACTED]
By email: [REDACTED]
Ref: H202006149

Dear [REDACTED]

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 16 August 2020 to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry), which you refined on 27 August 2020, for:

"all emails, briefings, reports, recordings and transcripts relating to the discovery of the South Auckland cluster from August 8 onwards to the 12 August. Please also include a timeline when the index case's Covid-19 test was taken; how long the test took to process; when the result of the positive test was received; when that information was given to...

- a) the patient*
- b) the director-general of health, Dr Ashley Bloomfield*
- c) Ministry of Health*
- d) the Minister of Health Chris Hipkins*
- e) Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern*

...how long it took for the Ministry of Health and these other named individuals took to acknowledge the positive result; the first time the Ministry of Health raised the possibility community transmission had occurred; when contact tracing of the index case began; and a breakdown of all actions the Ministry then took in the leadup to Jacinda Ardern's public press conference on Tuesday 9.15pm.

Please also include all timelines relating to the testing of the index case's other family members (direct close contacts), including but not limited to when the tests were taken, how long the results took to be found and when the relevant government agencies were notified."

On 11 September 2020, the due date for responding to this request was extended under section 15A of the Act as further collation and consultation was required.

The Director-General of Health was notified of the first case from the Auckland August cluster at approximately 2:45pm on 11 August 2020. Eleven documents have been identified within the scope of your request and copies are attached to this letter. Appendix One details the decision on release for each document.

The Situational Reports (Sitreps) that are captured within the scope of the request will soon be proactively released. As such, this information has not been enclosed in this response under 18(d) of the Act, as it will soon be made publicly available.

You have requested a timeline and breakdown of the events that occurred. I have enclosed a timeline (document 12) that was provided to the Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Health's office, and details when individuals were notified of the confirmed community transmission on 11 August 2020. There is also information provided for a Parliamentary Question that is publicly available that outlines date-time stamps for lab testing of the positive coronavirus specimens announced to the public on 11 August 2020 to 12 August 2020. This can be found on the following web address:

- https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/order-paper-questions/written-questions/document/WQ_15413_2020/15413-2020-dr-shane-reti-to-the-health-minister-chris

The balance of the detail that you have requested is not held. It would need to be manually compiled and created in order to respond to your request and, as such, I am unable to provide it under section 18(g) of the Act.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website.

Yours sincerely



Sue Gordon
Deputy Chief Executive
COVID-19 Health System Response

Appendix 1: List of documents for release

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	11 August 2020	Text message content	Excerpt from Dr Ashley Bloomfield's text messages released under section 16(1)(e) of the Act Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
2	11 August 2020	Email correspondence Subject: Update and Next Steps	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
3	11 August 2020	Email correspondence Subject: Final version of DGs talking points for stand up 9.15pm	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
3A	11 August 2020	Email attachment: Ministry of Health media release 4 Cases of Covid-19 with Unknown Source	This information can be found on the following link https://www.health.govt.nz/news-media/media-releases/4-cases-covid-19-unknown-source and therefore is not enclosed under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information is publicly available
4	11 August 2020	Email correspondence Subject: National Health Advisory – 11 August 2020 – Notification of Positive COVID case in Auckland Region – message for Health sector.	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
5	11 August 2020	Email correspondence Subject: COVID-19 ODESC meeting tonight – not a drill	Released with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons; and • section 6(a) of the Act to protect the security of international relations of the Government of New Zealand

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
5A	11 August 2020	Email attachment: Officials' Committee for Domestic and External Security Coordination (ODESC) COVID-19 #10 Agenda	Released with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons; and • section 6(a), to protect the security of international relations of the Government of New Zealand
6	12 August 2020	Email correspondence Subject: Graphic of cases	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
7A	12 August 2020	Email attachment: Case Graphic	This information is withheld in full under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
7	12 August 2020	Email correspondence Subject: Re-escalation HR and draft Order for consultation (Health Report 20200723)	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
7A	12 August 2020	Email attachment: Health Report: 20201413 <i>Implementing Alert Level restrictions to respond to a potential resurgence of COVID-19</i>	Refused under section 18(d) of Act, as this information will be soon be made publicly available
7B	12 August 2020	Email attachment: COVID-19 Public Health Response (Alert Levels 3 and 2) Order 2020	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as it is publicly available: http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2020/0187/latest/LMS389738.html
8	12 August 2020	Email correspondence Subject: Ministers media briefing this morning	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
8A	N/A	Email Attachment: COVID-19 Alert for Auckland	Released in full

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8B	12 August 2020	Email Attachment: Briefing; Mask Demand and Response	Released with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons; and • section 9(2)(b)(ii), as it would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject to the information
8C	N/A	Email Attachment: Transport update	Released in full
8D	N/A	Email Attachment: New Zealand COVID-19 Alert Levels Summary	Released in full
9	12 August 2020	Email correspondence Subject: From your 11 am meeting – FW: s 11 order [IN-CONFIDENCE]	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
9A	12 August 2020	Email attachment: COVID-19 Public Health Response (Alert Levels 3 and 2) Order 2020	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as it is publicly available: http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2020/0187/latest/LMS389738.html
10	12 August 2020	Email correspondence Subject: RE: ODESC-related package of information	Released with some information withheld under section 6(a) of the Act to protect the security of international relations of the Government of New Zealand
10A	N/A	Email Attachment: Key Messages	Released in full
11	12 August 2020	Email correspondence Subject: ODESC-related package of information	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
11A	N/A	Email Attachment: PM comments on Auckland COVID-19 case	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression
11B	N/A	Email Attachment: COVID-19 Alert for Auckland	Released in full
11C	N/A	Email Attachment: COVID-19 Workstream contacts	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
12	N/A	COVID-19 timeline response from 11 August 200 – for Minister's office	Released in full

I am providing the following excerpt of content:

11 August– 2.38pm - Chief Executive Officer for Counties Manukau District Health Board, Fepulea'i Margie Apa - to the Director-General of Health, Ashley Bloomfield

I need to talk to you urgently re: covid r u free now?

Director-General to Fepulea'i Margie Apa

5 mins

Fepulea'i Margie Apa to Director-General

Zoom link sent

"Third test was positive"

11 August 2.47pm – Director-General of Health, Ashley Bloomfield to Sue Gordon – Deputy Director-General COVID

Sue I will be late for the MIQ meeting if you can let them know. Tx.

Sue Gordon to Director-General

Yep can do Braden has let me know Auckland might have a positive test – have they spoken to you?

Director-General to Sue Gordon

Just heard about to zoom. Jane Tara and Aoife joining me. Will call you after that

Sue Gordon to Director-General

OK

11 August – 2.53pm – Director-General of Health, Ashley Bloomfield to Caroline McElnay – Director Public Health

Zoom link sent

Urgent zoom re a possible case in s 9(2)(a)

Please join if you can

s 9(2)(a) cough and fever five days

s 9(2)(a)

Director Public Health to Director-General

Presume positive test

Director-General to Director Public Health

Yes times two. No his criteria.

11 August 3.15pm – Director-General of Health, Ashley Bloomfield to the Minister of Health, Hon Chris Hipkins

Minister we seem to have a covid case in the community in s 9(2)(a) . Call when convenient and I will brief you.

11 August 3.27pm – Director-General of Health, Ashley Bloomfield to All-of-Government seniors officials and senior health officials

Have just been notified of a positive case in the community in s 9(2)(a) . s 9(2)(a) s 9(2) symptomatic 5 days test yesterday. Positive test confirmed. No obvious link to mif or travel. Have spoken to Auckland IMT and arphs. MOH imt being set up. Interview underway now. All close and casual contacts will be isolated and test and remains isolated until test result back. First sitrep at 4.

The above content may suffice your request. For completeness, in response to the remaining content on the Director-General's phone, given the volume, I am declining to make this available as to do so would impair efficient administration (section 16(2)(a) of the Act).

I can however provide a list which summarises the remaining content in accordance with section 16(1)(a) of the Act:

- Case details of the family including known workplaces
- Discussion on test results
- Advice going to Ministers, including orders for the Minister of Health to sign
- The standing up of testing facilities across Auckland, including the availability of genomic testing
- Organising of senior officials to meet to discuss the emergence of COVID in the community and meeting with Ministers
- Proposal for alert level, which included putting Auckland at Level 3 and the rest of the country at Level 2.

Tua Tusa

From: Luuk Abernethy on behalf of Ashley Bloomfield
Sent: Thursday, 27 August 2020 10:14 am
To: Gareth Hancock
Subject: Fw: Update and Next Steps

Kind regards
Ashley

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----- Forwarded by Luuk Abernethy/MOH on 27/08/2020 10:13 am -----

From: "Brook Barrington [DPMC]" <Brook.Barrington@dpmc.govt.nz>
To: "Andrew Bridgman" <andrew.bridgman@defence.govt.nz>, "Andrew Coster" <Andrew.Coster@police.govt.nz>, "Andrew Crisp" <Andrew.Crisp@hud.govt.nz>, "AGCSB: Andrew Hampton" <Andrew.hampton@gcsb.govt.nz>, s 9(2)(a) "Andrew Kibblewhite" <andrew.kibblewhite@justice.govt.nz>, "Andrew McKenzie" <Andrew.McKenzie@kaingaora.govt.nz>, "Ashley Bloomfield" <ashley.bloomfield@health.govt.nz>, "Bernadette Cavanagh" <bernadette.cavanagh@mch.govt.nz>, "Caralee McLiesh [TSY]" <Caralee.McLiesh@treasury.govt.nz>, "Carolyn Tremain" <carolyn.tremain@mbie.govt.nz>, "Chappie Te Kani" <chappie.tekani@tearawhiti.govt.nz>, "Chris Seed" <chris.seed@mfat.govt.nz>, "Christine Stevenson" <christine.stevenson@customs.govt.nz>, "Pike River: Dave Gawn" <Dave.Gawn@pikeriverrecovery.govt.nz>, "Dave Samuels" <samu@tpk.govt.nz>, "Debbie Power" <Debbie.Power006@msd.govt.nz>, "Dorothy Adams" <dorothy.adams@swa.govt.nz>, "Gaye Searancke" <gsearancke@linz.govt.nz>, "Grainne Moss" <grainne.moss@ot.govt.nz>, "SSC: Helene Quilter" <Helene.Quilter@ssc.govt.nz>, "Iona Holsted" <Iona.holsted@education.govt.nz>, "Jeremy Lightfoot" <jeremy.lightfoot@corrections.govt.nz>, "Julie Read" <julie.read@sfo.govt.nz>, "Kevin Short" <kevin.short@nzdf.mil.nz>, "DOC: Lou Sanson" <lsanson@doc.govt.nz>, "Mac Leauanae" <mac.leauanae@mpp.govt.nz>, "Mark Sowden" <mark.sowden@stats.govt.nz>, "IRD: Naomi Ferguson" <naomi.ferguson@ird.govt.nz>, "Nick Pole" <Nicholas.Pole@ero.govt.nz>, "Nicole Rosie" <nicole.rosie@nzta.govt.nz>, "Paul James" <Paul.James@dia.govt.nz>, "NZTE: Peter Chrisp" <peter.chrisp@nzte.govt.nz>, "EXT: Peter Hughes" <Peter.Hughes@ssc.govt.nz>, "TRANSPORT: Peter Mersi" <p.mersi@transport.govt.nz>, "Ray Smith" <ray.smith@mpi.govt.nz>, "NZSIS: Rebecca Kitteridge" <rebecca.kitteridge@nzsis.govt.nz>, "RK32" s 9(2)(a) "Renee Graham" <renee.graham@women.govt.nz>, "Scott Pickering" <scott.pickering@acc.co.nz>, "CrownLaw: Una Jagose" <una.jagose@crownlaw.govt.nz>, "MFE: Vicky Robertson" <vicky.robertson@mfe.govt.nz>
Date: 11/08/2020 09:53 pm
Subject: Update and Next Steps

[IN-CONFIDENCE]

Dear Colleagues

You will by now know the news that there are community based cases of COVID-19 in Auckland, and that the decision has been taken to move Auckland to Alert Level 3, and New Zealand as a whole to Alert Level 2, from midday tomorrow until midnight on Friday.

The All of Government (AoG) Group is tonight preparing material relevant to this decision, including on issues such as the geographical extent of "Auckland", expectations and requirements under Alert Levels 2 and 3, key messages, the PM's statement of this evening, and the intensified testing regime that will now be put in place by the Ministry of Health.

This material will be sent to you as soon as possible (as it is produced).

I know that the pace of these developments and the necessary response will impact on you, your staff and your operations. We are better placed than we were in March or even a fortnight ago, but you will have questions and concerns. In their message to you later this evening AoG will identify a point of contact to help all of us as we work through these questions and all that will be required of us in the coming days.

Thank you for your forbearance and help.

Kia kaha

Brook

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Tua Tusa

From: Luuk Abernethy on behalf of Ashley Bloomfield
Sent: Thursday, 27 August 2020 10:17 am
To: Gareth Hancock
Subject: Fw: Final version of DGs talking points for stand up 9.15pm

Kind regards
Ashley

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Cc: "Richard Trow" <Richard.Trow@parliament.govt.nz>, Peter Abernethy/MOH@MOH, "Rachel Lorimer" <rlorimer@adhb.govt.nz>, "Heather Peacocke" <Heather.Peacocke@dpmc.govt.nz>, Kate.Whitley@outlook.health.govt.nz, Christine Ross/MOH@MOH, "Julian Robins" <Julian.Robins@parliament.govt.nz>
Date: 11/08/2020 09:11 pm
Subject: Final version of DGs talking points for stand up 9.15pm



Document 3A

Paul Giles | Group Manager | Communications & Engagement | Office of the Director General, Ministry of Health |
(04) 816 2925 | s 9(2)(a)



Tua Tusa

From: Luuk Abernethy on behalf of Ashley Bloomfield
Sent: Thursday, 27 August 2020 10:21 am
To: Gareth Hancock
Subject: Fw: National Health Advisory - 11 August 2020 - Notification of Positive COVID case in Auckland region – message for Health sector

Kind regards
Ashley

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From: Single Point of Contact/MOH
To: Code White & Yellow Contacts, Health Sector Emergency Management (Ambulance), Health Sector Emergency Management (DHB), Health Sector Emergency Management (PHU), PHU Managers, PHU managers copy to, PHP-Public Health@MOH, PHU Environmental Health Managers, PHP-Office of the DDG Population Health and Prevention@MOH, PHP-Office of the Director of Public Health@MOH, DHB - CEOs, hcmexecutivemanagement@homecaremedical.co.nz, op@homecaremedical.co.nz, feedback@homecaremedical.co.nz, denise.shera@plunket.org.nz, fiona.thomson@gpnz.org.nz, jane@nzcphm.org.nz, robyn@nzma.org.nz, media@plunket.org.nz, Jane.OMalley@plunket.org.nz, rnzcgp@rnzcgp.org.nz, NHCC PHO CEOs
Cc: Ashley Bloomfield/MOH@MOH, Media_Team@moh.govt.nz, Deborah Woodley/MOH@MOH, Andrew Simpson/MOH@MOH, Ian Town/MOH@MOH, jane.dancer@parliament.govt.nz, Andi Shirtcliffe/MOH@MOH, COVID all of primary care April 2020, Sue.Calvert@midwiferycouncil.health.nz, ceo@nzcom.org.nz, Jill.Sherwood@esr.cri.nz, Fiona.gilliam@health.govt.nz, NHCC_TAG@health.govt.nz, COVID-19 Contact Tracing/MOH@MOH, Kristin.good@homecaremedical.co.nz, Linda.biddle@plunket.org.nz, KSC.SurveillanceQueries@esr.cri.nz, Moira.McLeod@health.govt.nz, simon@nzaca.org.nz, "Andrew Slater" <andrew.slater@homecaremedical.co.nz>
Date: 11/08/2020 07:29 pm
Subject: National Health Advisory - 11 August 2020 - Notification of Positive COVID case in Auckland region – message for Health sector
Sent by: Dave Greenberg

National Health Advisory - 11 August 2020

Notification of Positive COVID case in Auckland region – message for Health sector

FOR THE ATTENTION OF:

Received this email directly

- 1) DHB Single Points of Contact
- 2) DHB Emergency Planners / Managers
- 3) Public Health Unit Managers
- 4) Healthline
- 5) Plunket
- 6) GPNZ
- 7) RNZCGP, RNZCUC
- 8) Covid All Primary Care

Forward required

- 9) Medical Officers of Health

- 10) Chief Medical Officer
- 11) Director of Nursing
- 12) Relevant clinical and non-clinical staff in your DHB
- 13) GP Liaison Officers
- 14) Communications Managers
- 15) Any other deemed necessary by your organisation

ACTIONS:

1. Forward internally within your organisation as per the 'attention of section' above
- 2.. Please forward **to your primary care contacts including: general practitioners, pharmacists and primary health organisations in your region.**

ADVISORY SUMMARY:

Kia ora koutou

This message is to inform you of a new positive case of COVID-19 of unknown origin.

A person in the Auckland region in their 50s was swabbed yesterday, 10 August 2020, and has tested positive. They have no history of overseas travel.

The first swab was run twice, and a second swab has also tested positive.

The person has been symptomatic for five days, with cough, fever and sore throat.

They are currently being interviewed by Auckland Regional Public Health and an investigation has commenced.

All close contacts will be tested and will remain in self-isolation for 14 days.

All casual contacts will be asked to remain in self-isolation until they have a negative test.

There will be further information to come tonight. We are planning to establish the National Health Coordination Centre imminently. In the interim, the Ministry of Health COVID-19 Hub will remain the contact point COVID-19Response@health.govt.nz

Ngā mihi,

Sue Gordon,

Deputy Director-General COVID-19

Ministry of Health.

This is an information/advisory only. No action is required other than to distribute as described.

Emergency Management
Ministry of Health
New Zealand

nhcc_spoc@health.govt.nz

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From: [Luuk Abernethy](#) on behalf of [Ashley Bloomfield](#)
To: [Gareth Hancock](#)
Subject: Fw: COVID-19 ODESC meeting tonight - not a drill
Attachments: [4282566_2020-08-11_COVID-19 - ODESC #10 Agenda.DOCX](#)

Kind regards
Ashley

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From: [§ 6\(a\)](#)
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Peacocke [DPMC]", [§ 6\(a\)](#), "Nicola Simmonds [DPMC]", "Juliet
Gerrard [DPMC]", "Cheryl Barnes [DPMC]", [§ 6\(a\)](#), "^TeArawhiti: Lil
Anderson", "Marika Hughes [DPMC]"
Date: 11/08/2020 06:22 pm
Subject: COVID-19 ODESC meeting tonight - not a drill

[SEEMAIL][RESTRICTED]

Kia ora koutou Chief Executives

This is to notify you that Chair ODESC is convening a meeting after 2030 hours this evening in the Cabinet Committee Room on level 8 of the Beehive. The attached agenda provides detail about the topic.

The Chair has asked to keep distribution to Chief Executives and named attendees only, and we ask for this not to be forwarded on. Grateful if you could confirm receipt of this email and whether you would like to attend by Zoom. We will be in touch as soon as possible to confirm timing.

Please feel free to contact us on [§ 9\(2\)\(a\)](#) if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Attached as Document 5 A

[§ 6\(a\)](#)

Senior Advisor
National Security Systems Directorate
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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*Officials' Committee for Domestic
and External Security Coordination*

COVID-19 ODESC #10 Agenda

Date	11 August 2020	Time	2030 hours
Location	Cabinet Committee Room, Executive Wing, Beehive		
Teleconference (if required)	Zoom is available if required		
Invitees (Chief Executives)	Brook Barrington Andrew Coster Una Jagose Peter Mersi Debbie Power Carolyn Schwalger Kevin Short Ray Smith Carolyn Tremain	Ashley Bloomfield Iona Holsted Mac Leauanae Caralee McLiesh Dave Samuels Chris Seed Christine Stevenson Chappie Te Kani	
Officials	John Ombler Brendan Boyle Tony Lynch Heather Peacocke Nicola Simmonds	Juliet Gerrard Cheryl Barnes Graham MacLean Lil Anderson NSSD	
Papers	Nil		

Item	Topic	Lead
1.	Introduction	Chair
2.	Health Update	DG Health, Ashley Bloomfield
3.	Resurgence Actions	Brendan Boyle
4.	Risks and Mitigations	Roundtable
5.	Advice to PM and Ministers	Chair
6.	Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Political 	Heather Peacocke
7.	Other Business	Chair
8.	Next Meeting	Chair

Tua Tusa

From: Luuk Abernethy on behalf of Ashley Bloomfield
Sent: Thursday, 27 August 2020 10:08 am
To: Gareth Hancock
Subject: Fw: Graphic of cases

Kind regards
Ashley

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----- Forwarded by Luuk Abernethy/MOH on 27/08/2020 10:08 am -----

From: Sarah Turner/MOH
To: Ashley Bloomfield/MOH@MOH
Date: 12/08/2020 09:25 pm
Subject: Fwd: Graphic of cases

FYI - it's not clear to me whether the COVID team have shared this with you.

Sarah Turner
Deputy Director-General,
Office of the Director-General
s 9(2)(a)

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jane Kelley <Jane.Kelley@health.govt.nz>
Date: 12 August 2020 at 9:11:03 PM NZST
To: Alexandra Marett <Alexandra.Marett@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Braden Sloper <Braden.Sloper@health.govt.nz>, Sue Gordon <Sue.Gordon@health.govt.nz>, Sarah Turner <Sarah.Turner@health.govt.nz>, DG Advisory <dgadvisory@health.govt.nz>, Lisa McPhail <Lisa.McPhail@health.govt.nz>, Saphron Powell <Saphron.Powell@health.govt.nz>, Antony Byers <Antony.Byers@health.govt.nz>, Rebecca Drew <Rebecca.Drew@health.govt.nz>
Subject: Graphic of cases

Hi Alex,

Attached is a prototype of a diagram we have been working on to show how the cases are connected.

Any feedback or anything you would like to see in it or don't understand let us know.

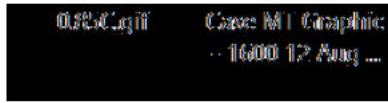
Would be greatly appreciated.

Many Thanks
Jane

(See attached file: Case MT Graphic - 1600 12 Aug 2020.pdf)

Document 5

Jane Kelley
Director Covid-19 Response
Phone: s 9(2)(a)
Ministry of Health



Document 6A

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Tua Tusa

From: Luuk Abernethy on behalf of Ashley Bloomfield
Sent: Thursday, 27 August 2020 10:10 am
To: Gareth Hancock
Subject: Fw: Re-escalation HR and draft Order for consultation (Health Report 20200723)

Kind regards
Ashley

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Date: 12/08/2020 02:05 am
Subject: Re-escalation HR and draft Order for consultation (Health Report 20200723)

Kia ora Amber,

Please find attached the HR and draft Order for consultation with Ministers.

In terms of timing from here, given that the Order needs to be in force by midday, we envisage the following timeline:
- 7am: Minister confirms consultation is complete, HR is signed and no changes are required to the Order (i.e. it can be finalised)

- 9am: Final Order and Health Report are provided to Minister for signing (2 hours required for PCO finalisation)
- 10am: Latest time by which Order must be signed (and a copy returned to PCO - see Richard and Cassie's email addresses above)
- 11am: Publication of Order
- 11.59am: Order in force

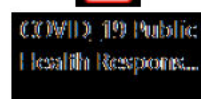
Can I please make one wee request - please **reply to all** in this email trail, rather than just to me when confirming the consultation is complete and the HR is signed (we want to avoid missing any critical emails).

Many thanks,

Steve



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Document 7B

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Tua Tusa

From: Luuk Abernethy on behalf of Ashley Bloomfield
Sent: Thursday, 27 August 2020 10:18 am
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Subject: Fw: Ministers media briefing this morning

Kind regards
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Date: 12/08/2020 07:09 am
Subject: Ministers media briefing this morning

Morning all – in addition to the Sitrep and testing centre information provided last night to the Ministers Office, in the briefing with Richard this morning I also supplied the two items below (thanks for the early morning call to finalise it Caroline). I also ran through the documents attached.

We are working now on the notes for the 10.30am stand up. I have a call in with Press Secretary's from the Prime Ministers Office, Minister Hipkins and Minister Woods Offices at 8am for planning purposes.

The intention is to also do a stand up at 1pm today.

I will update you after the 8am Sue.

Testing

People in Auckland - As the PM said last night, we are working to test all people that work at borders and our managed isolation centres.

We are also wanting to test anyone in the Auckland region that has symptoms related to COVID-19. These people should also seek medical advice via their GP or Healthline and if offered a test get one.

People outside of Auckland but who have been there in the last 14 days - Anyone outside of Auckland but who has been in Auckland in the last 14 days needs to alert to the symptoms of COVID-19 such as a dry cough, fever or runny nose. These people should definitely stay home and contact Healthline or their GP and get tested if requested. If tested please keep isolated until your results come back. If you can work from home you should.

Anyone outside of Auckland – If you live outside of Auckland and who hasn't been there – stay alert to symptoms, if unwell, stay home and seek advice from their GP or Healthline and if requested a test, please take it. Please continue to practice hygiene.

Proactive wearing of masks Mask

In Auckland, masks are not mandatory, but we do encourage you to wear them especially when accessing essential services.

The Ministry of Health is working with retail sector on supply this morning.

Also pointed to the information in ODESC papers:

Retailers are relatively confident in their supply chains and restocking:

- a) s 9(2)(b)(ii) will ration 1-box per person (50 disposable masks). Extra supply is expected to arrive about 26 Aug.
- b) s 9(2)(b) has 46 stores in Auckland. There are 10 million masks in the national supply chain with a large majority already in Auckland, however exact stock numbers are unknown.
- c) s 9(2)(b)(ii) has 2,717 boxes of 50 masks in stock, with another 6000 packs expected to arrive this week. Online services are experiencing a significant increase in demand.

Retailers are currently in crisis calls to discuss, among other things, the supply of masks. The demand for masks will primarily be met through retail sector provision. International supply chains are more robust than in March/April and disposable masks are now cheaper. A large increase in international orders for masks is expected.

If there is a gap in retail sector supply, it can possibly be mitigated through the selling of disposable procedure masks from the MoH stock on hand to retailers. This will be an exception to MoH policy. There is precedent for this exception. There is also the option of making MoH stock available for provision to groups with access inequities.



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At midday today Auckland will move to Alert Level 3

Please stay home. Stop the spread.

Cases of COVID-19 have just been identified in the **Auckland community**. As a result, at midday Wednesday 12 August, everyone in Auckland will move to **Alert Level 3**.

The rest of the country will move to Alert Level 2.

People in Auckland should do the following:

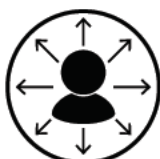
- Stay at home, within your bubble.
- Work from home, unless you're an essential worker.
- If you must leave home, keep a 2-metre distance from others and wear a mask if possible.
- If you have symptoms, get tested.
- Children should learn at home if possible.
- Businesses can open, but should not physically interact with customers.

Travelling in or out of Auckland will be restricted.

Restrictions will remain until Friday at midnight.

A further announcement on next steps will be made by then.

Find out more about the Alert Levels at **Covid19.govt.nz**





Briefing

MASK DEMAND AND RESPONSE

To Office of the Prime Minister

Date	12/08/2020	Priority	High
Deadline	12/08/2020	Briefing Number	

Purpose

This is a proposed policy for the use of face coverings as a result of a heightening of COVID-19 response levels. It covers specific focus areas of, General Public, Transport, Education and Supply Chain.

Recommendations

1. Note this paper

Noted

Contact for telephone discussion if required:

Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
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Brendan Boyle	Acting Operational and Planning Leader, AoG COVID-19 Response Group, DPMC		✓

Minister's office comments:

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- ☐ Noted
- ☐ Seen
- ☐ Approved
- ☐ Needs change
- ☐ Withdrawn
- ☐ Not seen by Minister
- ☐ Overtaken by events
- ☐ Referred to

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MASK DEMAND AND RESPONSE

Purpose

This note provides a draft Cabinet paper in response to Cabinet's invitation for you to report back on any changes to Alert Level settings, including updated risk assessments [CAB-20-MIN-0330].

Key changes from previous Cabinet paper

1. From 1200 Wed 12 August 2020, Auckland will move to COVID Alert Level 3 while the remainder of NZ will go to Alert Level 2. It is expected that this heightened response level will remain in force for an initial period of 3-days (1200 Sat 2020).
2. In addition to the resumption of physical distancing, there is a need for promulgate a policy for the use of face coverings.

Face Coverings for General Public

3. Masks are an important additional tool to help reinforce physical distancing behaviour, NOT to replace it. The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is through physical distancing and small bubble sizes. Masks do not replace hand hygiene, staying away when sick and physical distancing, but help remind us to maintain these behaviours.
4. MoH recommends that the public make or source their own masks to prepare for a possible community outbreak. The recommended guidance is four washable and reusable masks per person. Single use disposable face masks are also appropriate if used as directed.
5. The wearing of masks is not mandatory, however it is recommended at AL 3. The bulk of masks available to the general public are single use and available from big box retailers. Reusable masks are also available from certain outlets.
6. This 'mask' requirement may also be met using any appropriate face covering (scarf, bandana, t-shirt). These 'solutions' are not fool proof, but can reduce the outward transmission of virus droplets out from the wearer.

Transportation

1. Transport employees who are interacting with the public should wear approved face masks if they are unable to maintain physical distancing. Other transport employees may conduct activities as normal but should conform to the requirements for the general public.
2. Members of the public utilising shared transportation should wear face coverings, but these are mandatory for air transportation.

Education

3. Secondary and university students are encouraged to wear face coverings, as are all teachers if practicable. Coverings are not required for primary students and younger.

Supply Chain

7. As of 10 Aug 2020, MoH has 93.3 million disposable procedure masks on hand. MoH policy is that these masks are reserved for health workers and will not be provided to members of the public.

8. Retailers are relatively confident in their supply chains and restocking:
 - a) s 9(2)(b)(ii) will ration 1-box per person (50 disposable masks). Extra supply is expected to arrive about 26 Aug.
 - b) s 9(2)(b)(ii) has 46 stores in Auckland. There are 10 million masks in the national supply chain with a large majority already in Auckland, however exact stock numbers are unknown.
 - c) s 9(2)(b)(ii) has 2,717 boxes of 50 masks in stock, with another 6000 packs expected to arrive this week. Online services are experiencing a significant increase in demand.
9. Retailers are currently in crisis calls to discuss, among other things, the supply of masks. The demand for masks will primarily be met through retail sector provision. International supply chains are more robust than in March/April and disposable masks are now cheaper. A large increase in international orders for masks is expected.
10. If there is a gap in retail sector supply, it can possibly be mitigated through the selling of disposable procedure masks from the MoH stock on hand to retailers. This will be an exception to MoH policy. There is precedent for this exception. There is also the option of making MoH stock available for provision to groups with access inequities.
11. For groups that will suffer inequities, distribution will be a difficulty. The following are possible points of distribution to these groups:
 - a) Private sector
 - b) Community pharmacies
 - c) MSD Offices
 - d) Work and Income sites
 - e) Civil Defence Emergency Management Groups (CDEM Groups)
 - f) Whanau Ora Commissioning Agencies, Te Puni Kōkiri, District Health Boards, Māori Health Providers.
 - g) NGO's
 - h) Regional Groups

Communications

12. An essentially supporting activity is the communication of issues to the community. Successful public information will ensure correct masks/face coverings are used correctly and provide confidence so that people do not panic buy.
13. Demand can be softened by communicating that face coverings are an alternative to masks. We should also send strong messages that there is no need to make special trips to purchase masks. Masks should be purchased where possible as part of regular shopping trips to avoid additional unnecessary movement.

Next Steps

14. We recommend the following immediate actions be considered:

MASK DEMAND AND RESPONSE	
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- a) Immediate public education campaign to ensure correct masks/face coverings are used correctly and people do not panic buy;
- b) AoG and MoH to work on exception process to lend masks to retail sector to meet gap in demand.
- c) AoG, MoH and others as applicable, to determine if communities with access inequities will receive government assistance to access masks, and develop such options.

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Transport update

Roads

The orders are being drafted to implement the decision that the Auckland Council administrative boundary is to be the boundary for the Level 3 restrictions.

This is simple to define in legal terms, but creates a large number of locations where road-blocks are potentially required, and practical issues if the exact boundary location is not in an appropriate/safe place for a physical block. Police will use a level of pragmatism to resolve this.

Police are assessing the practical implications of this requirement – and the implications for police personnel. They are also developing operating procedures for police at checkpoints, in terms of the powers they will have, what documentation they need to see to prove essential travel, etc.

The Ministry of Transport has provided guidance for what travel is permitted under level 3, used during the previous lockdown (Appendix 1). The assumption currently being used is that exemptions/permitted travel would be consistent with this previous guidance.

In addition, the planning assumption is that if travelling between areas of different alert levels, the rules for the higher alert level apply. This means all travel in and out of Auckland needs to meet the travel rules for alert level 3.

There is an outstanding issue in relation to who should be able to authorise compassionate reasons to travel as an exemption.

Public transport including ferries and metro rail

There are concerns that the need for physical distancing on public transport under level 3, applied at lunchtime on Wednesday, will mean that people will be stranded at the end of the day for their return trip. However, there is no dispensation for physical distancing proposed, so messaging will need to ensure that people plan around this.

Aviation

A dispensation has been agreed by the Director General of Health to temporary suspend the physical distancing requirements on flights until midnight Wednesday, provided that passengers wear facemasks, to allow people to return home. Flights will continue to operate in and out of Auckland, but for essential workers only. Travellers reasons for travelling will be checked by the airline with Avsec support at the airport.

The order will specify that recreational aviation will not be permitted under level 3.

Maritime

The order specifies that no recreational water activities in Auckland will be permitted under level 3.

Documents that people are recommended to carry when travelling at Alert Levels 3 and 4

Applicable Alert Level(s)	Reason for travel	Recommended documentation to carry
Alert Levels 3 and 4.	Travelling to provide an essential business or service.	The person should carry a letter with them from their employer stating they are providing an essential business or service and that they need to travel for this. They could also carry a business card, or work ID. Where this is not possible, they should be able to reasonably demonstrate they are travelling to provide an essential service or business.
Alert Levels 3 and 4.	Travelling for medical reasons.	The person should carry a document with them that demonstrates their travel is related to attending a scheduled medical appointment, and the date of the appointment or procedure.
Alert Levels 3 and 4.	Travelling because of an emergency (due to a threat to safety or life).	Do not need documentation. If the person is in immediate danger, they should call 111.
Alert Levels 3 and 4.	Travelling to give effect to a Court Order.	The person should carry a copy of the Court Order.
Alert Levels 3 and 4.	Travelling because of compassionate reasons (and 'shared bubble' or 'extended bubble' arrangements do not apply).	The person will need to request approval to travel.
Alert Levels 3 and 4.	Travelling in order to leave New Zealand (including a New Zealand resident in the Realm (Tokelau, Niue, Cook Islands) returning home).	The person should carry a document demonstrating the time and date of their scheduled international flight, and they meet the criteria for travel.
Alert Levels 3 and 4.	Travelling after arriving in New Zealand from overseas and have completed 14 days' of managed isolation or quarantine at the port of your arrival (except air and marine crew).	The person will need to carry documentation provided to them by the Ministry of Health (or appropriate Government authority).
Alert Levels 3 and 4.	Travelling under a 'shared bubble' arrangement (Alert Level 4), or an 'extended	If questioned, the person should be able to clearly explain the purpose of their travel and how it complies with the

	bubble' arrangement (Alert Level 3).	'shared/extended bubble' criteria. Any documentation that you can provide as evidence is helpful (such as proof of the residential addresses of the persons in the 'shared/extended bubble' arrangement).
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Alert Level 3 only . Travel for this purpose though may be permitted (with more strict geographical limits), under Alert Level 4, as part of the 'shared bubble arrangement'.	Travelling between 'bubbles' in a shared caregiving arrangement	If questioned, you should be able to clearly explain the purpose of your travel and how it complies with the 'shared caregiving arrangement' criteria. Any documentation that you can provide as evidence is helpful (such as a copy of the shared custody agreement (or Court Order), and proof of the residential addresses of the persons in the shared caregiving arrangement).
Alert Level 3 only . Travel not permitted at Alert Level 4.	Travelling between their home and work/educational institution (only travel within the region or to the adjacent region (at the same Alert Level))	If questioned, the person should be able to clearly explain the purpose of their travel. Any documentation that they can provide as evidence is helpful (such as: proof of residential address, evidence of where they work, evidence of attendance at an educational institution).
Alert Level 3 only . Travel not permitted at Alert Level 4 (unless explicitly permitted from an area at a lower Alert Level to an Alert Level 4 area).	Relocating a home or business	If questioned, the person should be able to clearly explain the purpose of their travel and how it complies with the Alert Level restrictions. Any documentation that they can provide as evidence is helpful (such as: proof of the residential address they are moving to, tenancy agreement, utility bill)
Alert Level 3 only . Travel for this purpose though may be permitted, under Alert Level 4, if a compassionate exemption is granted (and attending a funeral or tangihanga is a criteria for granting a compassionate exemption).	Travelling to attend a funeral or tangihanga.	No documentation is required. If questioned, the person should be able to clearly explain the purpose of their travel and where possible, provide any available documentation they have such as a notice of service from the funeral home.

New Zealand COVID-19 Alert Levels Summary

Published 25 May 2020

- The Alert Levels are determined by the Government and specify the public health and social measures to be taken in the fight against COVID-19. Further guidance is available on the **Covid19.govt.nz** website.
- The measures may be updated based on new scientific knowledge about COVID-19, information about the effectiveness of control measures in New Zealand and overseas, or the application of Alert Levels at different times (e.g. the application may be different depending on if New Zealand is moving down or up Alert Levels).
- Different parts of the country may be at different Alert Levels. We can move up and down Alert Levels.
- Essential services including supermarkets, health services, emergency services, utilities and goods transport will continue to operate at any level. Employers in those sectors must continue to meet health and safety obligations.
- Restrictions are cumulative (e.g. at Alert Level 4, all restrictions from Alert Levels 1, 2 and 3 apply).

ELIMINATION STRATEGY - New Zealand is working together to eliminate COVID-19		
Alert Level	RISK ASSESSMENT	RANGE OF MEASURES (can be applied locally or nationally)
Level 4 - Lockdown Likely the disease is not contained	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustained and intensive community transmission is occurring.• Widespread outbreaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People instructed to stay at home in their bubble other than for essential personal movement.• Safe recreational activity is allowed in local area.• Travel is severely limited• All gatherings cancelled and all public venues closed.• Businesses closed except for essential services (e.g. supermarkets, pharmacies, clinics, petrol stations) and lifeline utilities.• Educational facilities closed.• Rationing of supplies and requisitioning of facilities possible.• Reprioritisation of healthcare services.
Level 3 - Restrict High risk the disease is not contained	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple cases of community transmission occurring.• Multiple active clusters in multiple regions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People instructed to stay home in their bubble other than for essential personal movement – including to go to work, school if they have to, or for local recreation. Physical distancing of two metres outside home (including on public transport), or one metre in controlled environments like schools and workplaces.• People must stay within their immediate household bubble, but can expand this to reconnect with close family / whānau, or bring in caregivers, or support isolated people. This extended bubble should remain exclusive.• Schools (years 1 to 10) and Early Childhood Education centres can safely open, but will have limited capacity. Children should learn at home if possible.• People must work from home unless that is not possible.• Businesses can open premises, but cannot physically interact with customers.• Low risk local recreation activities are allowed.• Public venues are closed (e.g. libraries, museums, cinemas, food courts, gyms, pools, playgrounds, markets).• Gatherings of up to 10 people are allowed but only for wedding services, funerals and tangihanga. Physical distancing and public health measures must be maintained.• Healthcare services use virtual, non-contact consultations where possible.• Inter-regional travel is highly limited (e.g. for essential workers, with limited exemptions for others).• People at high risk of severe illness (older people and those with existing medical conditions) are encouraged to stay at home where possible, and take additional precautions when leaving home. They may choose to work.
Level 2 - Reduce The disease is contained, but the risk of community transmission remains	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited community transmission could be occurring.• Active clusters in more than one region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People can reconnect with friends and family, and socialise in groups of up to 100, go shopping, or travel domestically, if following public health guidance.• Keep physical distancing of two metres from people you don't know when out in public or in retail stores. Keep one metre physical distancing in controlled environments like workplaces, where practicable.• No more than 100 people at gatherings, including weddings, birthdays and funerals and tangihanga.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Businesses can open to the public if following public health guidance including physical distancing and record keeping.• Alternative ways of working encouraged where possible. <p>Hospitality businesses must keep groups of customers separated, seated, and served by a single person. Maximum of 100 people at a time.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sport and recreation activities are allowed, subject to conditions on gatherings, record keeping, and – where practical – physical distancing.• Public venues such as museums, libraries and pools can open if they comply with public health measures and ensure 1 metre physical distancing and record keeping. <p>Event facilities, including cinemas, stadiums, concert venues and casinos can have more than 100 people at a time, provided that there are no more than 100 in a defined space, and the groups do not mix.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health and disability care services operate as normally as possible.• It is safe to send your children to schools, early learning services and tertiary education. There will be appropriate measures in place.• People at higher-risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (e.g. those with underlying medical conditions, especially if not well-controlled, and seniors) are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home. They may work, if they agree with their employer that they can do so safely.
Level 1 - Prepare The disease is contained in New Zealand	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• COVID-19 is uncontrolled overseas.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sporadic imported cases• Isolated local transmission could be occurring In New Zealand.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Border entry measures to minimise risk of importing COVID-19 cases.• Intensive testing for COVID-19.• Rapid contact tracing of any positive case.• Self-isolation and quarantine required.• Schools and workplaces open, and must operate safely.• .No restrictions on personal movement but people are encouraged to maintain a record of where they have been.• No restrictions on gatherings but organisers encouraged to maintain records to enable contact tracing.• Stay home if you're sick, report flu-like symptoms.• Wash and dry hands, cough into elbow, don't touch your face.• No restrictions on domestic transport – avoid public transport or travel if sick.• No restrictions on workplaces or services but they are encouraged to maintain records to enable contact tracing.

Tua Tusa

From: Luuk Abernethy on behalf of Ashley Bloomfield
Sent: Thursday, 27 August 2020 10:15 am
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Subject: Fw: From your 11 am meeting - FW: s 11 order [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Kind regards
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As discussed in your current meeting....

From: Paul Stocks <Paul.Stocks@mbie.govt.nz>
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Can you circulate this to the attendees at this meeting now happening please

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Document 9A

From: [Luuk Abernethy](#) on behalf of [Ashley Bloomfield](#)
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Kind regards
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Date: 12/08/2020 08:27 am
Subject: RE: ODESC-related package of information
Sent by: "Simone Hurley [DPMC]"

Good morning colleagues,

Further to the package of documents you will have received last night, please find attached the communications key messages.

Attached as Document 10A

John

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John

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Key messages

- There are four new positive cases of COVID-19 in Auckland of unknown origin.
- New Zealand planned for this and has now activated our resurgence plan.
- From midday, Wednesday 12 August 2020 the Auckland Region will be at Alert Level 3 and the remainder of New Zealand will be at Alert Level 2.
- The health system is well prepared for this – the focus now is preventing the virus from spreading in our community.
- Food, medicine, healthcare and essential services will always be available.
- Shop normally so others can do the same.
- Stay home if you're sick, wash your hands, cough or sneeze into your elbow and clean surfaces often.
- If you have cold or flu like symptoms call your Doctor or the Healthline team (for free) on 0800 358 5453 or +64 9 358 5453 for international SIMS
- All New Zealanders should wear a mask on public transport or where physical distancing is difficult.
- Testing is free. If you are offered a test take it.
- Work will be carried out over the next few days to test all people that are working at our borders and everyone that works at a managed isolation facility.
- Some of the country's most vulnerable residents live in our rest homes, help keep them safe and do not visit them at this time.
- Contact tracing is an essential to stopping the spread. All New Zealanders need to keep a record of where you have been to allow faster contact tracing. Use the Covid tracer app if you can, or make a note.
- Businesses should have a QR code displayed so customers can be traced quickly if required.
- The Alert Levels will be reviewed before midnight Friday once more information is available.
- www.covid19.govt.nz will be kept up to date with the latest information.

The Auckland Region

- The Auckland Region is in Alert Level 3 from midday, Wednesday 12 August 2020
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- Further information on checkpoints for the Auckland region will be issued on Wednesday 12 August
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- Schools and childcare facilities can safely open but with limited capacity. Where possible, children should learn from home.
- All public facilities, bars, restaurants and businesses should close.
- Gatherings of up to 10 people are allowed but only for wedding services, funerals, and tangihanga. Physical distancing and public health measures must be maintained.
- Supermarkets, pharmacies, and petrol stations remain open – shop as normal so others can do the same.
- Keep a 2 metre physical distance and wear a mask when in public when you can't distance and when accessing an essential service.

- The four community testing centres in Northcote, Grafton, Henderson, and Wiri will be operating with more staff and extra hours. The testing centres in Auckland, Waitematā, and Counties Manukau are all prepared for receiving more people.
- The three DHBs in Auckland are planning pop-up clinics over coming days and they will publicise the locations and hours of these clinics.

Outside the Auckland Region

- The rest of New Zealand is in Alert Level 2 from midday, Wednesday 12 August
- Travel in and out of Auckland is restricted to essential travel only. If you are an Aucklander you can travel to Auckland to return home.
- Keep physical distancing of 2 metres from people you don't know when out in public. Keep 1 metre physical distancing in controlled environments like workplaces, where practical.
- Hospitality businesses must keep groups of customers separated, seated and served by a single person.
- Retailers can still open with social distancing and contact tracing in place.
- No more than 100 people at gatherings, including weddings, birthdays, funerals, and tangihanga.
- Maximum of 100 people at a time in a defined space.
- Sport and recreation activities are allowed, subject to conditions on gatherings, record keeping, and physical distancing where practical.
- Public venues such as museums, libraries and pools can open if they comply with public health measures and ensure 1 metre physical distancing and record keeping.
- Event facilities, including cinemas, stadiums, concert venues and casinos can have more than 100 people at a time, provided there are no more than 100 in a defined space, and the groups do not mix.
- Health and disability care services operate as normally as possible.

Document 11

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Out of scope

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- Businesses can open, but should not physically interact with customers.

Travelling in or out of Auckland will be restricted.

Restrictions will remain until Friday at midnight.

A further announcement on next steps will be made by then.


Find out more about the Alert Levels at **Covid19.govt.nz**



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COVID-19 timeline response from 11 August 2020 – for Minister's office KEY INFORMATION

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14 August	<p>Case information (if applicable): Two of the new cases are in Tokoroa and are clearly linked to the initial outbreak in Auckland</p> <p>Alert level detail: Cabinet meet and advised on further changes in alert level changes at 5:30PM: Auckland region will stay at Alert Level 3 and the rest of the country will remain at Alert Level 2 until 11.59pm, Wednesday 26 August. Alert levels will be reviewed again by Cabinet on 21 August</p>															
15/16 August	<p>Case information (if applicable):</p> <p>Notification/orders (if applicable):</p> <p>Alert level detail: Same as above.</p>															