

Direction under s 70 of the Health Act 1956

On 24 March 2020, the Prime Minister, with the agreement of the Minister of Health, issued an epidemic notice under s 5 of the Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006 in respect of COVID-19. The epidemic notice allows the use of special powers by Medical Officers of Health, pursuant to s 70 of the Health Act 1956, for the purpose of preventing the outbreak or spread of COVID-19. The epidemic notice remains in force.

For the purpose of preventing further outbreak or spread of COVID-19, which I consider to be a significant risk to the public, I, Dr Richard Jaine, Medical Officer of Health for all health districts of New Zealand, make the following direction under section 70(1)(ea) and (f) of the Health Act 1956:

This direction applies to any person (excluding **aircrew**) who arrives in Auckland on 22 February 2022 on flight NZ975.

I require these people to do the following:

1. Isolate or quarantine at their usual place of residence (which for visitors, includes accommodation) for seven days; and
2. Undertake:
 - a. a Rapid Antigen Test within 36 hours of arrival in New Zealand; and
 - b. a Rapid Antigen Test between 120 hours and 144 hours after arrival, and report any positive result to the Ministry of Health.

For the purposes of this direction, **aircrew** means any person who arrives in New Zealand, as soon as is reasonably practicable after travelling on an aircraft undertaking a flight from New Zealand,—

- c. on an aircraft on which they are working as crew (as defined in section 4 of the Immigration Act 2009); or
- d. for repositioning purposes (that is, for the purpose of connecting with another aircraft on which they are working as crew); or
- e. after completing training that they were directed by their employer to undertake and that the Civil Aviation Authority, or an equivalent international regulator, requires aircrew members to complete

Commencement

This notice commences at 11:59pm on Monday 21 February 2022.

Relevant information

Failure or refusal to comply with this direction is an offence under section 72 of the Health Act 1956, punishable by imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, a fine not exceeding \$4,000, or both.

Signed:



Dr Richard Jaine
Medical Officer of Health

Date: 21 February 2022