

# COVID-19

## COVID-19 Public Health Response Amendment Act (No 2) 2021

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### Fact Sheet 2: Extending the term of the Act

#### Previous state

The Act originally expired in May 2022.

#### What has changed?

When the Act was drafted last year, we did not know how long the COVID-19 response would need to last or how complex and comprehensive delivering the system would become.

It's now clear that we will be dealing with COVID-19 beyond 2021. The Amendment Act will extend the Act's current expiry date by one year, from May 2022 to May 2023. Parliament will still be required to renew the Act periodically, and a further extension can be considered if needed.

#### How will this impact you?

Extending the term of the Act impacts all New Zealanders and means that Government can continue to use tools such as the COVID-19 Protection Framework and border control measures (like the use of managed isolation and quarantine or the need for pre-departure testing) in the future as required. This will mean Government can continue to make decisions to keep New Zealanders safe, and continue to successfully manage the COVID-19 response.

#### Want to know more?

For further information about the COVID-19 Public Health Response Amendment Act visit the Ministry of Health [website](#).

Read the [Regulatory Impact Statement](#).