

COVID-19 FAQs

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Alert Levels and General Information

This contains the most up-to-date and approved messaging on key COVID-19 matters.

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This document answers frequently asked questions about what **Alert Level 3 and Alert Level 2** means for New Zealand.

This information applies from **5.00pm, 6 October 2021.**

Information can be used for any government, agency, local government or relevant sector and business communications.

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Current Alert Level status

Q. What is the current Alert Level status across New Zealand?

Auckland remains in Alert level 3. At 11.59pm, Tuesday 5 October Auckland moved to Alert Level 3, Step 1. The plan is to transition out of current restrictions over three steps, with regular check-ins to ensure the virus is actively controlled before further easing.

North west Waikato area is in Alert Level 3 as health officials track the source of COVID-19 positive cases in and near to the area boundaries. North west Waikato moved into Alert Level 3 at 11.59pm, on Sunday 3 October for five days

The **remainder of New Zealand is at Alert Level 2.** This provides the greatest possible protection should the virus transmit across the boundary. At 11.59pm, Tuesday 5 October two changes were made to reduce restrictions in Alert Level 2.

1) The cap of 100 people gathering at hospitality and event venues has been removed, but the 'seated and separated' rule remains for hospitality. Maximum capacity will be determined by the number of customers that can be physically separated by 1 metre.

Because social gatherings do not use the seated and separated rule, the limit of 100 will continue to apply for these.

2) Changes to the Health Order relating to public transport means that passengers are now able to stand when travelling on public transport

Auckland Alert Level 3, Step 1

Q. What restrictions are easing in Auckland this week?

From 11.59pm, Tuesday 5 October, Alert Level 3 restrictions in Auckland started to ease. People are now able to:

- Have outdoor gatherings between two households, up to a maximum of 10 people, for example a BBQ or a picnic in the park. Each household should maintain physical distancing from the other.
- Undertake organised group activity with up to 10 people, for example outdoor yoga or group exercise classes. The activity organiser must ensure physical distancing is always maintained.

- Enjoy recreation activities across the Auckland region such as fishing, diving, hiking and bowls. A maximum of 2 households can gather, with a limit of 10 people gathering. Everyone must maintain physical distancing.

Step 1 is still part of Alert Level 3 for Auckland, and everyone is encouraged to wear a face covering whenever they leave the house.

The easing of restrictions does not apply to the Waikato Alert Level 3 area.

Anyone who has symptoms or who has been at a location of interest must stay home, isolate, and get tested.

For more information on what is possible under Step 1 go to the COVID-19 [website](#).

Q. What are the golden rules in Auckland for Alert Level 3, Step 1?

The golden rules in Auckland for Alert Level 3, Step 1 are:

- Continue to work or study from home if you can
- Wear a face covering and keep your distance from people while out and about
- Two households can meet up outdoors with a maximum of 10 people. Separate households should maintain physical distancing.
- More outdoor exercise such as yoga and bootcamp. 10 people can take part while maintaining physical distancing of 2 metres.
- Children can return to early childhood centres with 10 children in each bubble. Please keep all older children at home.
- Businesses that require close physical contact cannot operate. Gyms remain closed.
- Keep scanning QR codes and record keeping everywhere you go.
- Travel between regions is still restricted.

Q. Can we hug when we reunite with another household?

People are strongly encouraged to remain physically distanced when meeting up with another household outdoors.

Q. Can we share food between the two household 10 people gathering?

Yes, but you should maintain physical distance between two households when meeting up outdoors.

Q. How do you define a household?

This is the people you live with.

Social gatherings

Q. Can people have as many outdoor gatherings as they want within a day?

Step 1 has been created to encourage people to reconnect with close friends and whānau. Please act responsibly as Auckland is still at Alert Level 3.

Q. Can we meet in our own backyard or does it have to be a public park?

You can meet in your garden or in an outdoor public space. People outside your household cannot access your backyard by entering your house or use indoor facilities during their stay.

The golden rule is that your gathering of 10 people is outdoors to reduce the ability of the virus to transmit.

Q. Do we have to wear a face covering when meeting a different household outside?

No, face covering is recommended if you are around people you don't know but you do not need to wear masks when meeting another household outside with no more than 10 people present.

Q. Can people have a different child over every day as long as they play outside? Can a visiting child use the toilet in the house?

Children's play dates can happen, but the intention of Step 1 is to allow people to reconnect with close friends and whānau. People are asked to act responsibly by keeping their contacts to a minimum, keep track of who they are seeing and follow health guidelines.

Children visiting the house cannot enter the house to use the toilet or access the outdoor play area.

Q. Can we have a beer when we meet another household in a public park?

Alcohol has been banned from some public places in Auckland. You can check where alcohol bans are in place at the [Auckland City Council website](#).

Q. Can the two households who are gathering, travel in the same vehicle?

No, when gathering together two households of no more than 10 people everyone must maintain 2m physical distance from each other. Also travelling in an enclosed space negates the ventilation benefits of meeting outside and could allow the virus to transmit more easily.

Recreational activities

Q. Can we use outdoor playgrounds in Alert Level 3, Step 1?

Yes. When Auckland is in Alert Level 3, Step 1 public playgrounds will be open and able to be used by the public.

Q. Can we go on a regional holiday (within the Level 3 boundary) in our two household gathering, visit our bach, Airbnb or go camping or hire a campervan?

No. Auckland is still in Alert Level 3. You cannot take holidays or overnight stays within the region. Recreational excursions are for day trips only.

Q. Are outdoor exercise classes including boot camps and yoga available?

Yes, outdoor only exercise classes can take place up to a maximum of 10 people. Participants do not have to be from one or two households only, but they do always need to maintain 2m physical distancing and remain outdoors (i.e. they cannot use gym indoor bathroom or changing facilities).

The instructor is included in the 10 people able to gather outdoors.

Q. Can we go out on a boat?

All types of recreational boating can occur (motorised or sailing), only people in one household should take part.

Q. Can commercial tour or recreational businesses operate?

No businesses such as Kayak hire or boat tours should not operate in Alert Level 3, Step 1.

Q. Are all recreational water sports included in Step 1?

Yes, cruising, fishing, diving, collecting seafood, and water sports are all allowed under the new Alert Level 3 settings for recreation in Auckland.

Q. Can mainland Aucklanders travel to Waiheke or Great Barrier Island for a recreational day out?

No, you cannot travel to Waiheke Island or Great Barrier Island (Aotea Island) if you do not already live there.

Q. Can I go flying as my recreational activity?

Yes, recreational flyers in Alert Level 3, Step 1 can go flying.

Additional information

Q. What additional support is available for Auckland's Sport and Recreation Organisations?

The Government is providing \$5.3 million to assist sport and recreation organisations in the Auckland region financially affected by the latest lockdown.

The new recovery investment is being made via existing Sport NZ partners and comprises:

Up to \$3 million for Active Auckland Sport and Recreation to support local and regional sport and recreation organisations across the Auckland Region

Up to \$1.5 million for Recreation Aotearoa to support outdoor education providers experiencing reductions in revenue due to the cancellation of school-group activities at Alert Levels 3 and 4

An additional \$800,000 for Variety NZ to support tamariki and rangatahi in financial need through the existing Active Me – Kia Tū initiative.

Q. Are there any changes to the Auckland boundary area and travel across it?

No. Air and land boundaries between Auckland and the rest of the New Zealand remain heavily restricted, and most people will not be permitted to travel across it without specified permission or exemptions. This is to provide confidence that COVID-19 will not be transmitted across the boundary.

Most people who are permitted to cross the boundary for business or personal reasons will require a COVID-19 test, with people travelling for permitted personal reasons requiring evidence of a negative result taken within 72 hours of travelling.

Information about permitted travel is available on the Unite Against Covid [website](#).

Q. When will gyms be able to reopen?

Auckland remains at Alert Level 3, and gyms and indoor recreation facilities cannot open. Gyms are not currently included within the 3-Step plan for easing restrictions in Auckland, due to the high risk of transmission created by gym-going activity within confined indoor spaces.

Q. Where are the suburbs of interest in the Auckland area?

The current suburbs of interest include: Clover Park, Māngere, Favona, Manurewa, Mount Wellington/Sylvia Park, Henderson, Papakura and Red Beach

Red Beach is a new addition to the list. A pop-up community testing centre in Orewa at Victor Eaves Park, enter via West Hoe Road will be open today from 2pm to 6pm and tomorrow from 8.30am to 5pm.

Early Learning Centres

Q. What are the key guidelines for Early Learning Centre opening under Alert Level 3, Step 1?

The Government has announced that with the right precautions, early childhood services in Auckland can now reopen to more tamariki from today, Wednesday 6 October.

Early childhood services are expected to organise children in bubbles of no more than 10 children.

Teachers can only work with a single bubble while these restrictions are in place and it is expected that bubbles of children will not mingle with other bubbles.

Early childhood services will contact parents to advise of the number of children that they can safely manage on-site under these restrictions.

Parents, caregivers and staff will need to wear face coverings during pick-ups and drop-offs.

Educators are encouraged to seek a COVID-19 test and parents and staff need to wear masks at pick-up and drop-offs

Staff are not required to wear face coverings in the classroom.

Next Steps

Q. What are the next Steps after this initial easing of restrictions?

Further Steps to ease restrictions will depend on public health advice. In Step 2, the plan is to open retail and public facilities, with the outdoor gathering limit increased to 25.

In Step 3, the plan is to reopen the hospitality sector, as well as close contact facilities like hairdressers and event facilities. Outdoor and indoor social gatherings of up to 50 could be permitted.

These changes will depend on what happens in the coming weeks. The best way for Aucklanders to ensure that restrictions are eased is to get vaccinated and follow the public health advice.

Everyone should continue to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing.

Cabinet will review each Step weekly to ensure it's safe to move before confirming the next Step. The wage subsidy will continue to be available.

Q. In step 2, when retail and public facilities open will food courts in shopping malls be able to open?

No, hospitality inside retail areas cannot open until Step 3. Food courts will stay closed in Step 2.

Q. When will schools reopen?

The decision on opening schools is separate to the three steps. The plan is to reopen from 18 October; however, the final decision will be made closer to the time.

Changes to Alert Level 2 restrictions

Q. What are the event facility capacity changes allowed for businesses in Alert Level 2?

For event facilities, such as cinemas, theatres, stadiums, concert venues and casinos, the event facility capacity limit of 100 has been removed. Instead, capacity will be constrained by a 1m physical distancing rule.

This means that larger venues can now have more than 100 people, if the 1m physical distancing rule can be maintained.

This will apply for both ticketed and non-ticketed events, and for indoor and outdoor event facilities.

Q. Have the rules changed regarding people standing on public transport in Alert Level 2?

Yes, this rule has been removed and passengers are now able to stand when travelling on public transport in Alert Level 2.

Q. Under current Alert level 2 restrictions, is there a cap on numbers allowed at outdoor events e.g. Christmas parades?

At Alert Level 2 if an event were taking place outdoors but not within an event facility, it would be considered a gathering under the Health Order, and the 100-person limit would apply.

The change in capacity limits that came into force on Tuesday 5 October relates to defined event facilities, such as theatres, conference venues, casinos, and stadiums.

Alert Level 3 in north west Waikato

Q. What has happened in north west Waikato?

Following positive cases of COVID-19 found in north west Waikato the area was moved into Alert Level 3 (at 11:59pm on Sunday 3 October), for five days.

Q. What should residents do?

The north west of Waikato is now in Alert Level 3 which requires people to stay home (including working from home), stay local, wear a face covering when leaving home and keep 2 meters distance from people outside of your bubble.

With new cases in Karapiro and Kāwhia local residents are asked to check if they have visited locations of interest and get tested.

People in the Waikato and wider New Zealand should get vaccinated.

To find out where vaccinations are available in the Waikato check here.

To find out more about testing stations in the area go to the Waikato District Health Board website.

Q. How is COVID-19 testing and containing the outbreak progressing?

There are five pop up testing sites operating in Hamilton, Raglan, Huntly and Tokoroa, with all five being open for extended hours to cater to any lift in demand.

An existing site at Founders Theatre car park in Hamilton remains open.

The DHB is working to establish a sixth pop up testing site, at Karapiro, following the positive

case there. An existing testing provider in Kāwhia has been expanded. More details on exact locations and hours are available on the [Healthpoint](#) and [Waikato DHB](#) sites.

Q. How are spot checks at the Waikato Level 3 boundaries working?

Police are conducting spot checks and high visibility mobile reassurance patrols throughout the Waikato Alert Level 3 area. There is no hard boundary to the south and east of the area and Police will be conducting random spots checks and patrols to ensure compliance.

Anyone unable to provide evidence of permitted movement may be turned around and may face prosecution for breaching COVID-19 regulations.

Police, supported by Aviation Security, will also be conducting checks at Hamilton Airport.

Police urge the public to respect the restrictions and expect the vast majority of people will do the right thing to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

A hard boundary between Auckland and Waikato remains in place with the pre-existing checkpoints at five locations.

Q. What are the boundaries for the places now in Alert Level 3 in the Waikato?

The area includes Raglan, Te Kauwhata, Huntly, Ngāruawāhia, and Hamilton City (based on the Hamilton city boundary).

A map of the Alert level 3 areas in the Waikato can be found on the [Unite Against COVID-19 website](#).

Q. How does travel across the new boundaries work?

People can travel in and out of the Waikato Alert Level 3 area for limited permitted reasons. This includes for work in permitted business and services. Most people are not permitted to travel.

People can also cross into the Waikato Alert Level 3 area from an Alert Level 2 area to work in any business or service which is open in the Alert Level 3 area.

But people cannot cross from the Waikato Alert Level 3 area to work in an Alert Level 2 area, except for work in permitted businesses and services.

If you are travelling in and out of the Waikato Alert Level 3 area - other than across the boundary with Auckland – you are not required to provide evidence of a recent test.

If you are travelling for a permitted reason carry evidence of the purpose of travel and be prepared to explain reasons for travel should they be stopped at a checkpoint or spot check.

A formal business travel document is not required however we recommend people source a letter from their employer confirming place of work and need to travel

More information and travel advice will be available on the [Unite Against COVID-19 website](#).

Q. Can I apply for a personal travel exemption to cross the new Waikato Alert level 3 boundary?

Yes, with the change to alert levels in parts of Waikato, the Ministry of Health will be processing personal travel exemptions from 7am tomorrow (Tuesday 5 October), in the same way they process applications for Auckland personal travel exemptions.

The criteria for personal travel exemptions into or out of the Waikato Alert Level 3 region will be the same as they currently are for the separate Auckland Alert Level region. For more information go to the MoH [website](#).

Q. Can Waikato residents go to Auckland (and vice versa) now we are both in Alert Level 3?

No, the Auckland boundaries remain in place with checkpoints to ensure only permitted travellers cross.

Placing the north west Waikato into Alert Level 3 is intended as a temporary measure to allow health officials to trace and contain the small outbreak quickly before it spreads further.

Vaccination information

Q. What support is available to assist people with disabilities to be vaccinated?

A team has been tasked with assisting disabled people and their carers to get the information and support they need to be vaccinated. They are there to answer calls and questions to help increase vaccination rates and keep people and their whānau safer.

To speak with a support specialist, people can call the COVID Vaccination Healthline on 0800 28 29 26 for free 8 am – 8 pm Monday to Friday and 'push 2' to speak to one of the team.

A toolkit is available for people supporting disabled people with key messages, digital assets for social media channels, newsletters and website, frequently asked questions, and links to further information and resources. The toolkit can be found [here](#).

Q. What is the Government doing to encourage people to be vaccinated?

A national day for action for vaccination is planned for Saturday 16 October.

The event will have vaccine clinics open throughout Aotearoa all day and into the evening. Political and civic leaders, communities and businesses are being asked to contribute to a big collective effort to get people to the event and vaccinated.

Introducing My COVID Record

From the end of November, everyone in New Zealand will be able to access a scannable QR code as proof of vaccination and COVID-19 test results.



This will help reduce the risk of the virus spreading at large gatherings and events over the summer and into next year.

The first phase of this project launches next week with the website My COVID Record, where people will be able to view their vaccination records.

This is the same platform that will later allow you to download digital vaccination and COVID-19 test certificates for use in New Zealand and overseas.

Users will be able to either print or save the QR codes on their smartphone in an Apple or Google Wallet.

There will be separate codes for domestic and international verification of vaccination records and COVID-19 test results.

Q. What if I had my vaccinations overseas?

My COVID Record draws upon information in the national COVID-19 Immunisation Register (CIR).

In time if you have received a suitable COVID-19 vaccination(s) overseas and this is registered in the New Zealand COVID-19 Immunisation Register, it will be displayed in My COVID Record.

Q. How can I access My COVID Record?

Details will be published on the Ministry of Health website next week. It will be compatible on a smartphone or computer.

Q. From when will I be required to show the QR Code at events?

The exact timing for when proof of vaccination will be required is still being discussed. Government is also consulting with business, hospitality and events sector on the finer details of how it can work.

Q. Can essential workers use the website as proof when it launches the week of 12 October?

If people need official proof of vaccination prior to November, they can request a certificate from the Ministry of Health. The My Covid Record can achieve the same result, but it isn't yet designed for that purpose.

Q. What are the options for people who can't be vaccinated due to medical reasons?

The Ministry of Health is looking at options for how non vaccination for health reasons can record this in the COVID Immunisation Record (CIR) and how this would work in practice.

Q. How do people access My COVID Record if they don't have a smartphone or access to a computer?



Many local libraries have facilities where people can access the internet and printing. The MoH is also investigating how we make this available via a phone call.

Q. Can I use the purple card I received at my vaccine appointment instead?

The purple appointment cards don't provide proof of vaccination status as they could be easily forged or altered. They are appointment reminder cards – so people know when their second vaccination appointment is.

Q. What if I need proof of vaccination today?

In the interim, before the certificates are launched, if people need formal proof of their COVID-19 vaccination, they can request a vaccination confirmation letter from the Ministry of Health.

Q. Can you build it sooner?

The MoH is working with several technical partners to enable the App to be launched as soon as possible while ensuring it is robust and secure. It will be delivered in stages with the final parts coming at the end of November to launch for the general public.

Q. Why is it taking so long?

The underlying service took a number of countries (UK, Australia) many years to develop, when New Zealand began earlier this year, the MoH were able to take advantage of what they learned.

There have also been a number of on-going projects at the Ministry. Many of the people working on this project have also been involved in building systems for the Covid response including the COVID Tracer App and Book My Vaccine.

The MoH have been working with the industry to ensure our approach to the verifier process will help them, too.

It's not just about the technology, the programme needs a process to support people who don't have access to digital tools, who don't have access to ID, for people who aren't vaccinated, and for people vaccinated overseas.

Q. What if I am fully vaccinated, but there's an error with scanning the code?

The MoH is working to ensure people can easily access support options if they find their certificate isn't working. The design being used is available offline and the focus is on making it as simple as possible.

Q. Can people access other vaccination information on My COVID Record such as Flu or Measles?

No, it is currently only for COVID-19 proof of vaccination and test results. In the New Year the MoH could look at options to extend its use based on lessons learned.

Q. How will we check the QR Codes?



A verifier app is currently being developed to read the QR codes. The MoH are aiming to develop something that will fit with common tools such as smartphones or tablets. They are also planning to publish a standard in coming weeks for those that want to build their own solution. It's important that the scanning tool doesn't retain any personal health information.

Q. What if our event doesn't have internet access?

The system is designed to be operated without constant internet access.

Q. Will records be required at all restaurants and events?

The MoH is still working through the settings where proof of vaccination will be compulsory.

Q. Will it cost me any money to use the app?

The app will be free.

Q. Who can access the app? And what happens to people without digital access to the technology (eg don't have a smartphone)

The app will be accessible by anyone with a smartphone with access to the Apple or Google Play Stores.

Those who do not have access to digital technology will be able to use paper certificates. Or could ask friends and whānau for help.

Q. Is My COVID Record the same App as the NZ COVID Tracer App?

No, but there will be a link to My COVID Record within the COVID Tracer App.

Q. Will it be mandatory to use My COVID Record when going to events and businesses?

Government are working within the events and hospitality industry to determine when proof of vaccinations might be required for entry to events and venues, and to ensure the technology is fit for purpose.

Equally important is clarifying areas where it should not be required, for example people accessing essential services.

Q. Why haven't you asked for ID for people getting vaccinated and how do we know it was the right person?

A conscious decision was made earlier on in the vaccination programme rollout to support as many people to be vaccinated as possible which meant trusting New Zealanders to do the right thing. While it is possible to get vaccinated in someone else's name we are asking New Zealanders to act in a trustworthy way. It is worth noting that this is an offence under the COVID Act, and there are health risks to receiving treatment intended for another person.

Q. Will the certificates will be accepted overseas?

The international certificates are separate to the domestic certificates. These will meet EU standards for proof of vaccination to enable international travel. The government is currently

talking with EU officials to make sure it is accepted there, and officials have begun the same conversation with other international jurisdictions.

At this point, it is the closest thing that exists to a universal way to prove a person's vaccination status for international travel.

Q. If I am planning to attend large scale events in the summer is it too late for me to get vaccinated in time to be immunised at the events.

With 8 weeks until summer people still have time to be vaccinated in time for summer. Unvaccinated people will need to have their first dose within the next two weeks.

Q. Where can I find reliable information about the COVID-19 vaccine?

COVID-19 vaccination: Your questions answered: covid19.govt.nz/your-vaccine-questions-answered

As well as:

What you need to know about the Pfizer vaccine: <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19-vaccines/get-the-facts-about-covid-19-vaccination/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-pfizer-vaccine/>

Vaccine advice if you have a health condition: <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19-vaccines/get-the-facts-about-covid-19-vaccination/vaccine-advice-if-you-have-a-health-condition/>

Vaccine advice if you are pregnant or breastfeeding: <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19-vaccines/get-the-facts-about-covid-19-vaccination/pregnancy-and-vaccination/>

International travel and cargo

Q. Why aren't New Zealand citizens required to be vaccinated before returning to New Zealand?

Legally we can not preclude New Zealand citizens from returning to their home by placing conditions, such as a vaccination order, on their right to enter.

Q. Will non-New Zealand citizens have to prove they are vaccinated before travelling to New Zealand?

Yes. From 1 November 2021, anyone entering New Zealand (17 years plus), who is NOT a New Zealand citizen will be required to provide proof that they have been vaccinated.

New Zealand has a goal to safely reopen our borders next year. The introduction of a vaccine mandate for these travelers is part of the programme to help us reconnect New Zealanders in Q1 2022. The vaccination requirement will apply to non-New Zealand citizens only entering New Zealand.

Travellers booking their MIQ spot, will be required to declare they are vaccinated prior to booking a place, and may be required to provide evidence of vaccination at airline check-in, boarding and or on arrival at NZ customs.

Q. Has Air New Zealand announced a vaccination policy for travellers on the airline?

Yes, Air New Zealand is asking customers to get ready for international travel by getting vaccinated. From 1 February 2022, the airline will require customers 18 years and over travelling anywhere on its international network to be fully vaccinated. This is being referred to as their no jab no fly policy.

Q. What is the Government doing to help maintain international cargo and passenger services during the pandemic?

The Maintaining International Air Connectivity (MIAC) scheme was due to end 31 October 2021 but today Government announced an extension of the scheme until 31 March 2022 to help with demand over the peak summer cargo season.

Support from the MIAC scheme was originally budgeted at \$170 million for 1 May to 31 October 2021. The Government has agreed to an additional \$195 million to support flights from 1 November 2021 to 31 March 2022.

The additional \$25 million allocated to ensure that connectivity is maintained with countries we have quarantine-free travel if there are pauses or suspensions.

More information about scheme is available on the [Ministry of Transport website](#).

Q. What are the plans to help Cook Islanders stranded in NZ by COVID-19 lockdown?

Two repatriation flights will depart New Zealand for Rarotonga to take home Cook Islanders stranded in New Zealand by COVID-19 lockdowns.

For Cook Islanders in Alert Level 2 regions in New Zealand, a flight is scheduled to depart from Christchurch Airport to Rarotonga on 7 October.

For Cook Islanders at Alert Level 3 in Auckland, a flight is scheduled to depart from Auckland Airport to Rarotonga on 15 October.

People intending to travel on these flights will be required to have a COVID-19 test 72 hours before departure.

Travellers flying from Christchurch will need to complete at least seven days of Managed Isolation and Quarantine on arrival in Rarotonga, while travellers from Auckland will need to complete up to 14 days.

Information for business

Q. Are forestry and logging trucks one of the permitted industries to travel across boundaries?

Yes, from 5 October necessary forestry and wood processing is a permitted reason for travel across Alert Level boundaries to reduce possible implications to the supply chain.

More information about the testing and documentation that workers will require is available on the [Unite Against Covid-19 website](#).

Q. Is there any Alert Level 3 Step 1 advice available for Auckland businesses?

Yes, more information can be found on the [COVID-19 website](#).

Q. When does the fourth round of wage subsidy support begin?

Applications for the fourth round of COVID-19 Wage Subsidy opened on Friday 1 October and will close at 11.59pm on Thursday 14 October.

Businesses in any part of New Zealand can apply if 40% of their revenue decline is due to the effect of Alert Levels 3 or 4, and they meet the other eligibility criteria.

More information is available on the [Work and Income site](#).

Q. When is the next Resurgence Support Payment available?

Another round of the COVID-19 Resurgence Support Payment will also be made available, from 8 October.

More information will be made available on the [Inland Revenue website](#).

Support for sports and recreation

What support is available for sports and recreation organisations in Auckland?

The Government has announced a \$5.3 million package to help sports and recreation organisation in Auckland that that be finally impacted by COVID-19 Delta outbreak.

The funding will be provided through Sport Recovery package and will to three funds.

- The Tāmaki Makaurau Sector Support Fund aimed at supporting clubs and regional bodies in Auckland
- Active Me – Kia Tū, for whānau in the region impacted by financial hardship, and
- Outdoor Education Support Fund, to assist outdoor education providers (in Auckland and elsewhere) that that are experiencing short term financial hardship due to the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown arising from the Delta outbreak.