

PRRA Daily Update – Special Edition – Monday 11 May 2020

This afternoon the Government has released more information on moving to Alert Level 2 and how this will work. **Also noted in this email is information regarding how the Agency will operate under Alert Level 2. Please read.**

New Zealand will be at Alert Level 2 from Thursday 14 May

The Government has announced that New Zealand can safely move out of Alert Level 3 at 11.59pm on Wednesday 13 May.

Until then, we're still at Alert Level 3, and all Alert Level 3 guidance and restrictions apply.

Cabinet has decided to phase in some aspects of Alert Level 2 in order to manage the risk of stepping down Alert Levels.

COVID-19 continues to be spread by close personal contact. Gatherings and social events where people mix and mingle present the highest risk of spreading COVID-19. Some of the biggest COVID-19 clusters have come from these types of events.

Under the first phase of Alert Level 2 gatherings can have up to 10 people. This applies to wedding ceremonies, funerals and tangihanga, religious ceremonies, gatherings at home, and each group within a restaurant or other venue. This is a temporary measure that will be reviewed in 2 weeks' time. It does not apply to large public venues, or playing professional sports, which are controlled environments.

Until Thursday 21 May, venues like cafes, restaurants, bars and clubs are restricted to opening for dining, and with groups of 10 seated separately, and served by a single server.

The information on Alert Level 2 restrictions is being updated to reflect today's decision.

Moving to Alert Level 2 will be a phased approach as follows:

- **Thursday 14 May 2020** – Cafes, restaurants, playgrounds, cinemas and gyms will re-open with appropriate social distancing of 2 metres.
- **Monday 18 May 2020** – Early childhood centres, schools and tertiary institutions will be open.
- **Thursday 21 May 2020** – Bars will re-open. From this date, most businesses will be open again.

Gatherings will be capped at 10 people. This includes family gatherings, parties, weddings, funerals etc. The permitted size of gatherings will be reviewed again by Cabinet on Monday 25 May. If the number of Covid-19 cases are looking good, the numbers permitted at gatherings will be reviewed and potentially increased after this time.

Life at Alert Level 2

Life at Alert Level 2 means we can resume many of our everyday activities — but we have to do so safely.

- All businesses can open if they can do it safely. This will help to get people back to work.
- We can go in-store at local businesses.
- Tertiary education facilities, schools and early learning centres will be open.
- We can travel between regions.
- We can safely connect and socialise with close friends and family and celebrate life's important moments with our loved ones such as weddings, funerals, birthdays and anniversaries (up to a maximum of 10 people).
- We can visit local restaurants and cafes.
- We can return to our regular recreation activities.
- Small religious gatherings and ceremonies can be held with public health measures in place.

Unite against COVID-19

Play it safe

You will have more freedom of movement at Alert Level 2, but it's up to each one of us to keep the rest of New Zealand safe.

These are the most important things that you can do:

- COVID-19 is still out there. Play it safe.
- Keep your distance from other people in public.
- If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise.
- If you have symptoms of cold or flu call your doctor or Healthline and get tested.
- Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
- Sneeze and cough into your elbow, regularly disinfect surfaces.
- If you have been told to self-isolate you must do so immediately.
- Keep a track of where you've been and who you've seen.

Controls at Alert Level 2

Alert Level 2 is not life as normal, some restrictions and other measures remain in place to reduce the risk of transmission.

- We need to maintain physical distancing.
- We will keep tight controls in place at our borders.
- Our wide-scale testing will continue.
- We will find and self-isolate anyone who is unwell and their close contacts.
- There will be measures in place to allow some safe travel and socialising.
- Only small, controlled gatherings will be permitted.
- Early childhood centres, schools and tertiary organisations will see most people returning — with controls in place.
- Physical distancing, hygiene standards and contact registers will make businesses safe.

Workplaces and businesses

At Alert Level 2 businesses can operate if they're able to do so safely.

Golden rules for business at Alert Level 2

Do everything you can to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission at work — we all have a part to play in keeping each other safe.

1. COVID-19 is still out there. Play it safe.
2. Businesses can operate if they can do so safely. Alternative ways of working are still encouraged where possible.
3. Talk with your workers to identify risks and ways to manage them.
4. Ask everyone, workers, contractors and customers, with cold or flu-like symptoms to stay away from your premises.
5. Keep groups of customers 1 metre apart.
6. Keep contact-tracing records of anyone who will have close interaction (workers, contractors or customers).
7. Reduce the number of shared surfaces, and regularly disinfect them.
8. Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.

There is further information on the website about:

- ***Engaging with customers***
- ***Work involving close personal contact***
- ***Doing business safely***
- ***Detailed table of New Zealand COVID-19 Alert Levels***

The official New Zealand Covid19 website (<https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-system/alert-level-2/>) has further information about the following topics:

- ***Personal movement***
- ***Gatherings, events and public venues***
 - ***Gathering at your home***
 - ***Gathering outside your home***
 - ***Public venues***
- ***Exercise, sport and recreation***
 - ***High level sporting events***
- ***Travel and transport***
- ***Education***
 - ***Early learning services and schools***
 - ***Tertiary education***
- ***At-risk people***
- ***Self-isolation, quarantine and testing***

<https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-system/alert-level-2/>

Pike River mine site

Full re-entry and recovery operations will commence on Thursday 14 May 2020 from 7am underpinned by the morning and afternoon shift roster as per pre COVID-19 arrangements. This means **Bryan's crew are first up** followed by **Kirk and his gentlemen**. Again Dinghy and Greg will provide further details shortly.

In summary PPE gear on Thursday, masks and gloves etc. will be provided if you are travelling in vans and trucks and cannot maintain the 1 metre physical distance.

Greymouth office

Office based staff will continue to work from home.

I hope you find the above information helpful.

P.S. - Go the Crusaders- we have a first round bye!!!!

Regards

Michelle