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Update for Pike River Recovery Agency staff and contractors

18 August 2021

Hi everyone.

At midnight last night the country moved into Level 4 Lockdown after a new community case was confirmed in Auckland, and now confirmed to be the Delta variant which is even more highly contagious than the strain we have been dealing with to date.

This means the Pike River Recovery Agency is closed, and staff are required to work from home where possible. The Agency is at this stage until otherwise advised is expecting to be at work as per usual on Monday 23 August, subject to advice from the Government.

Under Level 4, the Agency works in the following way:

- Will operate under the Covid-19 Principal Hazard Management Plan.
- Keep the mine door open with reduced capacity during the next 3 days in “care and maintenance” mode.
- The mine will remain in a compliant state with daily remote monitoring taking place as per previous level 4 lockdown protocols, with daily monitoring results submitted to the Site Senior Executive (SSE) for review.
- Continue to have statutory officials on call - however since we are not deemed an essential service statutory officials will require a letter from the Chief Executive confirming the need to go to site to ensure the mine remains in compliance. They will be called out at the discretion and authorisation only of the SSE and will have to comply with all controls outlined in the Covid-19 PHMP. These letters are with the SSE for distribution.
- SSE will notify WorkSafe of the above plan and will follow up in writing shortly.
- The SSE will be in touch with individual mine workers to discuss expectations.
- The Agency has PHMPs in place for COVID-19 level 3, 2 and 1 and will put these into effect and their controls as and when required to, this will be based on the Government’s decision to either remain at level 4 (status quo) or drop levels as they see fit. If levels were to drop this will be communicated to all staff and an action plan put into place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of every individual.
- No Police drilling activities will take place under level 4
- No contractors onsite during level 4, and
- Staff will work from home where possible.

Plans are being developed should the West Coast and other areas move to Level 3, and we will be back in touch once the Government has announced its intentions on Friday. Should you have questions about the broader COVID-19 situation, please visit www.covid19.govt.nz.

When vaccination centres reopen at 8am Thursday 19 August 2021 (tomorrow), I would urge you all to book your free COVID -19 vaccination, go to <https://bookmyvaccine.covid19.health.nz/>.

Please also note that masks or face coverings are now a legal requirement to wear as follows:

- on public transport and at departure points, for example train stations and bus stops



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- on flights
- in taxi or ride-share vehicles — drivers and passengers
- when visiting healthcare facilities
- inside any Alert Level 4 businesses and services that are still open and involve customer contact, including supermarkets, pharmacies and petrol stations.

For more specific advice please visit <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

As always, you can talk to the Chief Executive Dave Gawn, Chief Operating Officer Dinghy Pattinson, or Chief of Staff Michelle Wessing.

Please take care, wash your hands, stay at home, look after yourselves, your families and stay in touch with your friends and whanau virtually or on the phone or internet.

Kind Regards
Dave Gawn, Chief Executive