

Auckland moves to standard Alert Level 2, rest of country moves to Alert Level 1

On 21 September 2020 Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced that, with the exception of the Auckland region, the country will be moving to Alert Level 1 from 11:59pm that evening. Auckland will be moving to Alert Level 2, without any extra restrictions, on 11:59pm on 23 Wednesday 2020.

There were no new cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand today and cabinet consider a seven-day run without further cases in the Auckland outbreak as enough of an indicator that it was safe to be moving alert levels.

Auckland's status at Alert Level 2 will also be reviewed after 14 days, meaning that there might be changes from 4 October 2020.

Any movement for Auckland would rely on the continuation of its downward trajectory of cases.

Mask use will still be compulsory for travel in and out of Auckland, as New Zealanders are instructed to take their alert level with them around the country.

Resources:

Cabinet agrees to move Auckland to level 2 and rest of New Zealand to level 1

<<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/426560/cabinet-agrees-to-move-auckland-to-level-2-and-rest-of-new-zealand-to-level-1>> 21 September 2020

Unite Against COVID-19: Current alert level <<https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-system/current-alert-level/>>