

Auckland moves to 'alert level 2.5' after 2 weeks in lockdown

As of 11.59pm on Sunday 30 August 2020, the Auckland region joined the rest of the country in Alert Level 2, albeit with slightly stricter rules to the rest of New Zealand.

Auckland had been at Alert Level 3 since noon on August 12 after a community outbreak of Covid-19. The rest of New Zealand went from Level 1 to Level 2 at the same time.

Under the new rules social gatherings in Auckland are now limited to 10, while authorised tangihanga or funerals are limited to 50. Social gatherings in the rest of the country are limited to 100. Aucklanders have been asked by Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern to use "common sense and care" when travelling, to not attend mass gatherings even if they aren't in Auckland and to avoid aged care facilities no matter where they are in the country.

Yesterday in the Government's official Covid-19 press conference Ms Ardern described the restrictions Auckland would be entering today as "Level 2.5".

Masks are also now mandatory on most public transport across the country, with some exceptions including for those under 12 years of age.

Key information for Alert Level 2:

- If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 or are unwell, stay home and get in contact with your doctor or Healthline.
- Gatherings and events must be less than 100 people and physical distance should be maintained from others when in public – two metres in public and retail stores and one metre in workplaces, cafes, restaurants and gyms.
- Mask use is highly encouraged.

Key information for those in the Auckland region at Alert Level 2:

- Social gatherings must not exceed 10 people in a defined space at any one time.
- Public and event venues can have up to 100 customers within any defined space. However, you are advised to keep 1 metre physical distance from people you don't know.
- You should sign into a venue with either:
 - the NZ COVID Tracer app and QR codes; or
 - an alternative contact tracing system.

See the Government's Unite Against COVID-19 site for more information.

Alert Level 2: <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19/restrictions/alert-level-2/>

Specific guidance for those in the Auckland region: <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19/alert-system/auckland/>

Resources:

Auckland enters 'level 2.5', after more than 2 weeks in lockdown < <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/auckland-wakes-up-covid-19-level-2-5> >