

New Zealand will move to Alert Level 3

It was announced this week that New Zealand will be moving out of the Alert Level 4 lockdown and transitioning to level 3 protocols at 11:59 pm on 27 April 2020.

This news means that there will be a slight extension on the original proposed timeframe for level 4, but the extra days will allow businesses and schools the required time to prepare to reopen.

Reopening as many businesses as possible, so long as they enforce physical distancing and contactless services, will be the key to getting as many New Zealanders as possible back into work and to begin the recovery that our economy needs. In particular, key sectors such as construction, manufacturing and forestry will be able to return to work under level 3.

Some important things to remember at level 3 are:

- The focus moves from operating what is essential, to what is safe;
- Those who are at risk or [vulnerable](#) are still encouraged to stay home;
- Those who can learn or work from home are encouraged to do so;
- Travel restrictions move from local to regional, but travel should still only be for work, school or gathering essentials; and
- People should still stay home where possible and remain two metres from those outside their bubble.

The move to level 3 is expected to last two weeks, but this decision will be reviewed at a cabinet meeting on 11 May 2020 as the effects of the move are assessed.

See the Government's Unite Against COVID-19 site for more information: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

Resources:

New Zealand will be at Alert Level 3 from Tuesday 28 April <<https://covid19.govt.nz/latest-updates/new-zealand-be-at-alert-level-3-from-tuesday-28-april/>> 20 April 2020

PM announces date for move to Alert Level 3 <<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/pm-announces-date-move-alert-level-3>> 20 April 2020

Alert Level 3 restrictions announced <<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/alert-level-3-restrictions-announced>> 16 April 2020