

Newest COVID-19 order introduces changes

A new order, the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Alert Levels 3 and 2) Order 2020, was made by the Minister of Health under section 11 of the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020.

The order, which came into force at 11:59 am on 12 August 2020 is part of the response to a recent community outbreak of COVID-19 in Auckland. The order allows for a number of things such as mandated testing, roadblocks and for physical distancing to be enforced.

The order accompanies the return to Alert Levels 2 and 3, but is also introducing some new measures this time around including:

- a requirement for all businesses and services to display a QR code for contact tracing purposes; and
- a requirement that anyone leaving Auckland by aircraft while at Alert Level 3, for essential personal movement, or to return to their home, must wear a face covering.

Face covering has been defined as a face mask or face shield designed or made to be worn over the nose and mouth.

Resources:

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<<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2020/0187/latest/LMS389738.html>>