

Jury trials across the country are suspended

Following the Government announcement that New Zealand would be moving COVID-19 Alert Levels from 12:00 pm on 12 August 2020, Chief Justice Helen Winkelmann has announced the decision to suspend all jury trials throughout the country.

Auckland has transitioned to Alert Level 3, which means that the restrictions will be more stringent and the suspension will last for the full three days of Level 3 that is planned, reconvening on Monday 17 August 2020.

Jury trials for the remainder of the country will be suspended for 24 hours (12 August 2020) while the courthouses prepare themselves for the safety measures required at Alert Level 2.

Court registries will be in touch with all those who are currently serving on a jury, or who have been summoned to serve with more information about how they will proceed.

See the Courts Of New Zealand website for more information on changes:

<https://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/publications/announcements/covid-19/court-protocols/>

Resources:

Media Statement from the Right Honourable Dame Helen Winkelmann, Chief Justice of New Zealand Te Tumu Whakawā o Aotearoa <<https://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/assets/Media-Release-CJ-11-August-2020-v2.pdf>> 11 August 2020