

Wellington moves to Alert Level 2 at 6pm 23 June, the rest of New Zealand remains at Alert Level 1

Wellington has been moved to Alert Level 2 due to a recent exposure in the community when a traveller from Sydney tested positive for COVID-19 after visiting the capital. The Alert level shift, which comes into place at 6 pm on 23 June 2021, applies to the Wellington region, including Wairarapa and the Kāpiti Coast to north of Ōtaki. It is planned to end in four days's time on Sunday 27 June.

Unlike with previous Alert level shifts, there has been no community transmission in New Zealand, but precautionary measures are being taken due to the high risk of potential exposure. There are a number of locations on the Ministry of Health's [Locations of Interest list](#) that cover the movements of the traveller during their trip between Saturday 19 and Monday 21 June. Anyone within Wellington is encouraged to check these locations of interest and follow all Ministry Health instructions/advice if they may have been exposed or have developed any cold symptoms.

The Chief Justice has released a [statement](#) about how courts will be operating under Alert Level 2 protocols, which involves continuation of all scheduled matters before the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal. All High Court proceedings and Jury trials in Wellington, Lower Hutt, Masterton and Porirua District Courts that can be safely accommodated within the the restrictions of the alert level will proceed as planned.

Operating at Alert Level 2

At Alert Level 2, you can go to work and school, but you should follow public health measures and consider others around you.

Key things to remember:

- If you are sick, stay home. If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5453 and get advice about being tested.
- Gatherings are limited to 100 people or less.
- If you have been told to self-isolate you legally must do so immediately.
- Mask use is highly encouraged and mandatory on public transport.

More information on what precautions to take at Alert Level 2 can be found on the Unite Against COVID-19 website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/alert-level-2/>

Resources:

Alert Level 2 in Wellington, Wairarapa and Kāpiti Coast <<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/alert-level-2-wellington-wairarapa-and-k%C4%81piti-coast>> 23 June 2021

Ministry of Health, COVID-19: Contact tracing locations of interest <<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-public/contact-tracing-covid-19/covid-19-contact-tracing-locations-interest>>

Chief Justice of New Zealand – Media Statement < https://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/assets/media-releases/2021/21-06-27-Chief-Justice-statement_.pdf > 27 June 2021