



## Coronavirus Update

# COVID-19 Alert Level 4 Update

### What is changing?

Following the case today of Covid-19 community transmission in Auckland, the country will be at Alert Level 4 from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August. Auckland and the Coromandel region will initially be at Alert Level 4 for seven days and the rest of New Zealand initially at Alert Level 4 for three days. At this stage, the rest of NZ is scheduled to come out of Alert Level 4 from Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August. This is subject to change.

The move to Alert Level 4 means we need to reintroduce the restrictions to the way we work.

We already have an existing Covid-19 Control Framework covering all alert levels, including Alert Level 4. The existing framework has served us well. It is attached.

### What do I do now?

- Take your time to re-familiarise yourself with our Covid-19 Control Framework
- Your leader will be in contact with you to discuss the plans for your team
- If you wish to discuss any concerns or have questions, do not hesitate to contact your leader
- Please locate your Travel Authorisation Letter, re-issued to you in July. If you cannot locate it, please contact [execadmin@powernet.co.nz](mailto:execadmin@powernet.co.nz) for a replacement. Please only use that Travel Authorisation Letter for when you are undertaking work travel
- If you have been in the Auckland or Coromandel region since 10 August, please contact the PowerNet Covid-19 Manager, Faye McLeod at [covid19enquiries@powernet.co.nz](mailto:covid19enquiries@powernet.co.nz) or call her on 027 809 3464
- Take care of yourself, your family and each other



### What can I expect next?

- Operational leaders will be communicating with their teams to provide clarity on managing network faults for the period up to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. All planned outages have been cancelled up until Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at this stage
- Plans are being developed to ensure we can safely operate as close to business-as-usual for critical and essential work from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, regardless of the Alert Level
- We have a Zoom call with PowerNet leaders tomorrow, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 2:30 pm
- For office based staff who can work from home, please do so
- PowerNet had already made provision for hygiene equipment, which are stocked at depots and offices

I understand the news of returning to Alert Level 4 will be unsettling for some of our PowerNet team. Please look out for each other and if you have any questions or concerns, direct these to your leader in the first instance.

We were challenged last year with the Covid-19 Alert Level 4 lockdown. As a team, we managed through that situation very well and I am sure we will do the same again. Thank you all for your support and dedication.

Jason Franklin  
**Chief Executive**  
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Attachment: CE-PRS-0001 – COVID-19 Control Framework (Version 8.0)