

COVID-19 Update – 7 September 2021

Change to Alert Level 2

The Government announced yesterday that we are moving to Alert Level 2, from Wednesday, 8 September 2021.

The move to Alert Level 2 means for the most part, PowerNet can return to business-as-usual. While the Government has made changes to Alert Level 2, those changes are relatively minor and have little impact on how we have previously operated at Alert Level 2. The additional Government controls impact mostly on public gatherings and public spaces.

Return to Offices

The Alert Level shift means all office based employees, currently working from home, can now return to work from their office. As with the previous times we have been in Alert Level 2, returning to office based work is manageable. Therefore, all employees should commence moving back to the office from Wednesday, 8 September and complete the move back before the end of the week, noting schools return to normal on Thursday 9 September.

Field based employees will continue working as normal.

There are a small number of employees who have been unable to work during Alert Levels 3 and 4. With the change to Alert Level 2, the majority of these employees are expected to return to work on Wednesday, 8 September. They should discuss their situation with their leader.

COVID-19 Control Framework – reviewed and updated

As part of the Alert Level change and office based employees returning to offices, please refresh yourself with the Control Framework requirements for Alert Level 2. The framework has been reviewed and updated. It is attached.

An important change for contact tracing purposes, everyone arriving at any of our work sites, whether you are office or field based, please use the Contact Tracing App or the Sign In sheet. This is important as in future we may need to quickly trace all people who have been in one of our work areas where a COVID-19 infected person may have been. If more QR codes are needed for entrance / exits, please email the Covid-19 Manager, Faye McLeod fmcleod@powernet.co.nz



Some other reminders about Alert Level 2 at work;

- Maintain 1 metre physical distance in the workplace
- For office based employees, when meeting members of the public and contractors at reception, maintain a 2 metre physical distance and wear a mask
- For field based employees working outdoors, maintain a 2 metre distance at all times from members of the public. If this is not possible, wear a mask.
- Restrict travel to other depot and work sites, with SLT to approve prior
- Remember to maintain hygiene practices, such as regular wipe down of surfaces
- If effective meetings can be held over zoom, this is the preference as opposed to in person.

The Control Framework is available here: [CE-PRS-0001 - COVID-19 Controls for all Alert Levels.](#)

Thank you again for your dedication and support over the Alert Levels 3 and 4 period.

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Chief Executive
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