

## Covid-19 Announcement 12 August 2020

Tēnā koe,

New Zealand moves to new COVID-19 alert levels.

The Prime Minister has announced that the Auckland supercity region will move to COVID-19 Alert Level 3 from midday Wednesday 12 August until midnight Friday 14 August. The rest of New Zealand will move to COVID-19 Alert Level 2 during this time.

### What this means for you?

If you practise in the Auckland supercity region (Auckland Council area), you will move from COVID-19 Alert Level 1 to COVID-19 Alert Level 3. The [Board's COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 3 guidelines](#) will apply to these practitioners from midday Wednesday 12 August until midnight Friday 14 August.'

This means all routine chiropractic treatments must be deferred and your practice should only open to provide urgent and emergency care following patient triage by phone.

Practitioners in other parts of the country will move to alert level 2 and the [Board's COVID-19 Alert Level 2 guidelines](#) will apply from midday Wednesday 12 August until midnight Friday 14 August.

Those of you outside of Auckland, may wish to consider advising patients who have recently travelled to or from Auckland, or have been in contact with anyone who has travelled to or from Auckland in the past 14 days, should reschedule their appointment.

### Personal Protection Equipment

As the Ministry of Health issues directives regarding the use of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), all PPE enquiries must be made to the Ministry of Health.

### Registering treatments

The only change to the COVID-19 Alert Level 3 policy is that you are **no longer** required to register your treatments with the Board. You are however, required to ensure you keep an accurate contact tracing list.

The NZ COVID Tracer app supports contact tracing by allowing New Zealanders to create a digital diary of the places they've been. The Government has introduced a new [self-service webform](#) to make it easy to generate the QR codes, and there's a [bulk-upload option](#) for businesses and organisations that have a large number of premises.

You may wish to generate and continue to display the QR codes at your clinic. [Click here for more information about NZ COVID Tracer QR codes.](#)

## Board's expectations

The Board expects all of you to adhere to all Ministry of Health directives which have informed Board policies and guidelines.

## Allied Health COVID-19 website

The Ministry of Health has a dedicated page for Allied Health, please ensure you are familiar with this, and regularly check it for updates: [COVID-19: Advice for community allied health, scientific and technical providers](#)

## Thank you

Once again, we find ourselves in what will be a stressful time for many of you and your patients, families and wider communities - please take care of yourself and each other.

For our part, we will do our utmost to update you regularly and as quickly as possible when new information comes to hand. We will work with the Ministry and the wider profession to ensure our guidelines remain robust, workable and as up to date as possible as the situation evolves. Most importantly, we want to ensure we continue to work together to keep everyone safe and limit any further community spread of the virus.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ngā mihi,

Kristin Grace  
Chairperson

Glenys Sharman  
Registrar/General Manager