

Covid-19 Announcement 31 August 2021

The Prime Minister has announced, that all of New Zealand **south** of the Auckland Super City will move to COVID-19 Alert Level 3 from Tuesday 31 August 2021 11:59pm.

The Auckland Super City and Northland remains at Alert Level 4.

What does this mean for you?

Auckland and Northland;

There are no changes in the Alert Level criteria for you:

- a. The Alert Level 4 health services scope of provision is to **preserve life or limb only**.
- b. Level 4 is an **emergency measure** and has been put in place to be a COVID-19 transmission circuit breaker
- c. Health service provision should not be face to face other than to preserve life or limb.
- d. Where possible all consultations should be conducted via telehealth

For more information, please refer to the [Ministry of Health communication](#)

Other New Zealand Regions;

It is important you are familiar with the latest communication from the Ministry of Health which can be found on the Board's website or by clicking here: [Alert Level 3 MoH announcement](#).

The criteria for seeing patients face-to-face under Alert Level 3 as per the latest communication from Ministry of Health are:

- a. a condition which is life or limb threatening; or
- b. treatment required to maintain the basic necessities of life; or
- c. treatment that cannot be delayed or carried out remotely without risk of significant harm or permanent and/or significant disability, or
- d. where failure to access services will lead to an acute deterioration of a known condition; or
- e. where delay in access to services will impact the consumer's ability to maintain functional independence and significantly negatively impact quality of life

AND

- f. which cannot be delivered by a service which is currently operating or by clinicians that are already in contact with the patient for ongoing care.

Board policies

The Board has recently updated its Alert Level 3 and 4 policies. These are now combined into a single policy. Specificities regarding Alert Level criteria will be communicated to the profession as they are received from the Ministry of Health.

Click here to view the Board's updated [Alert Level 3 & 4 policy](#) which is now available on the Board's website.

Keeping informed

As a registered Chiropractor you are expected to stay well informed of all Government announcements regarding changes to Alert Levels and to adhere to all Government, Ministry of Health and Board directives and policies.

Please ensure you are kept up to date with all announcements regarding changes to the COVID-19 Alert Levels. The New Zealand Chiropractic Board appreciates your continuing efforts to keep the public of Aotearoa safe.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ngā mihi,

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Chairperson

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Registrar/General Manager