

Stages of alert

ALERT LEVEL ONE: PREPARE

Covid-19 in NZ, but contained

- Activate border measures
- Contact tracing
- Cancel mass gatherings of more than 500 people
- Stay at home if sick and report flu-like symptoms
- Intensive testing for Covid-19
- Physical distancing encouraged

ALERT LEVEL TWO: REDUCE

Contained but risk of community transmission growing

- Entry border measures maximised
- Further restrictions on mass gatherings
- Physical distancing on public transport
- Limit non-essential travel around country
- Employer to begin alternative ways of working if possible (shift work, working from home etc)
- Business contingency plans activated
- High risk people to remain at home (over 70s, people with existing conditions)

ALERT LEVEL THREE: RESTRICT

Heightened risk that disease not contained

- Travel in areas of community transmission limited
- Affected educational facilities closed
- Mass gatherings cancelled
- Public venues closed
- Alternative ways of working required and some non-essential businesses closed
- Non-face-to-face primary care consultations
- Elective surgeries and procedures deferred and healthcare staff reprioritised

ALERT LEVEL FOUR: ELIMINATE

Likely that disease not contained

- People to stay at home
- Educational facilities closed
- All non-essential businesses closed
- Rationing of supplies and requisitioning of facilities
- Severe travel restrictions
- Major reprioritisation of healthcare services

