

COVID-19 NEWS

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IMPORTANT: All the key information relating to our Ministry's response to COVID-19 is in our [COVID-19 information hub \(http://www.justice.govt.nz/covid-19-information/\)](http://www.justice.govt.nz/covid-19-information/)

This page was last updated on 2 December 2021 at 11.59pm.

Latest updates on our website relating to the Ministry's response to COVID-19.

2 December 2021

- As of 11:59pm on 2 December Aotearoa will have moved to the traffic light setting. Northland, Auckland, Taupō and Rotorua Lakes Districts, Kawerau, Whakatane, Ōpōtiki Districts, Gisborne District, Wairoa District, Rangitikei, Whanganui and Ruapehu Districts are set at Red. The rest of the North Island is set at Orange. The whole of the South Island is set at Orange.
- All courts to continue operating under existing arrangements. From Monday 6 December, new transitional protocols will be in place. Further guidance to be released tomorrow on the [Courts of NZ website](#). [↗](#)

29 November 2021

- The Government has announced that Aotearoa New Zealand will move into the COVID-19 Protection Framework 'traffic light' system at 11.59pm on Thursday 2 December 2021. Visit the [Government COVID-19 website](#) [↗](#) to see the different region colours under the new system.
- The Auckland border will reopen on 15 December 2021 for those who are fully vaccinated or have tested negative for COVID-19 within 72 hours of departure.

20 November 2021

court operations and we will update this page as soon as we have more information.

- Our [guidance for shared parenting during COVID-19 Alert Levels](http://www.justice.govt.nz/about/news-and-media/covid-19-news/guidance-for-managing-shared-custody/) (<http://www.justice.govt.nz/about/news-and-media/covid-19-news/guidance-for-managing-shared-custody/>) has been updated for Alert Level 4

19 August 2021

- An update [Health and Safety during COVID-19 factsheet](http://www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/2021-08-18-Ministry-of-Justice-HSS-during-Alert-Level-4.pdf) [PDF, 169 KB] (<http://www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/2021-08-18-Ministry-of-Justice-HSS-during-Alert-Level-4.pdf>) has been released with information about keeping courts safe at Alert Level 4
- The [Information for all court users page](http://www.justice.govt.nz/covid-19-information/information-for-all-court-users/) (<http://www.justice.govt.nz/covid-19-information/information-for-all-court-users/>) was updated with relevant information for COVID-19 Alert Level 4


18 August 2021

- The Chief Justice has released a media statement [PDF, 516 KB] (<http://www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/21-08-17-AL-4-media-statement1-.pdf>) regarding the move to COVID-19 Alert Level 4

17 August 2021

- As of 11.59pm tonight, the whole of New Zealand has moved to COVID-19 Alert Level 4. We will update this page tomorrow with further information relating to how this will impact court operations and Justice services.
- The Prime Minister has just announced that from 11.59pm tonight, the whole of New Zealand will be moving to COVID-19 Alert Level 4. Auckland and the Coromandel Peninsula will be at Alert Level 4 for seven days, while the rest of the country will be at Alert Level 4 for three days. This will have an impact on court operations and we will update this page as soon as we have more information.

29 June 2021

- COVID-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins has announced that Wellington will return to Alert Level 1 at 11.59pm tonight, Tuesday 29 June with the rest of New Zealand staying at Alert Level 1. Please keep an eye out for updated court protocols here and on the [Courts of New Zealand website](#) 

27 June 2021