

Seafood New Zealand

COVID-19

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What does alert level 2 look like?

Yesterday, the Prime Minister provided further detail about what alert level 2 will look like. People will have more freedom of movement at alert level 2.

Provided they can do so safely, businesses such as cafés, restaurants, bars and retail outlets will be able to open and receive customers in store, and hairdressers will be able to operate – a huge sigh of relief for many.

However, risk mitigation must be implemented, including physical distancing, strict health and hygiene requirements and contact tracing.

So, what does that mean for the seafood industry? We expect the current protocols we have had in place for the last six or so weeks are likely to remain at alert level 2, as these are solid risk mitigation measures.

This includes, but is not limited to: managing staff health and wellness, hygiene, handwashing and cough etiquette, cleaning and sanitation regimes, operating with staff in workplace teams or bubbles and contact tracing etc.

In terms of physical distancing, guidance on the government's [COVID-19 website](#) states:

Follow these physical distancing rules:

- Keep your distance in public from people you do not know (ideally 2 metres).
- 1 metre physical distancing in most other environments, unless there are mitigating measures. Examples of environments where you should maintain 1 metre distancing include cafes, church groups, gatherings, restaurants and retail stores.

- Take extra care if you interact with people you don't know as it won't be easy to do contact tracing if necessary. These situations include playgrounds, parks, shopping malls or walking along the street.

Seafood New Zealand are actively working with MPI to confirm the appropriate risk mitigation required for level 2 and will provide that as soon as we can.

In the meantime, we remain at alert Level 3 with a further government announcement scheduled for May 11.

So, stay safe, stay in your bubbles and hopefully we'll receive good news on Monday.

Maritime New Zealand update #29

This is an update for the maritime industry on COVID-19/Coronavirus to inform your decisions and actions.

Transition to Alert Level 2

Yesterday, the Prime Minister announced the high-level settings for alert level 2. New Zealand will move to AL2 when Government is confident there is no community transmission and that covid-19 is contained. When we do, we will have measures in place to track and stop any new transmission and stamp out outbreaks.

On May 11, Cabinet will review whether the nation is ready to move to AL2. Until then, we remain at alert level 3.

More information on how AL2 will work is available on the Government's [covid-website](#). An updated summary on the COVID-19 alert levels can also be [found here](#).

Travel

The Ministry of Transport has advised that the AL2 settings includes new guidance for travel.

People can travel under AL2, including between regions for recreation and tourism, but need to do so safely and keep a record of their travel. All freight can continue to be distributed and received, as under AL3.

MoT appreciates that many will be wanting more detail about what these announcements will mean for our sector. A high-level table is [available here](#). The Ministry will be working with transport agencies and stakeholders to provide more detail as soon as they can.

COVID-19 alert levels versus border controls

Please note it is important to differentiate between COVID-19 alert levels – which are national and internal – as opposed to border controls – which are an international entry control, whether by air or by sea. Within New Zealand we may be at a low alert level, but the border control remains in place to guard against importing the virus into our national bubble.

The COVID-19 alert level system is described [here](#).

The Ministry of Health's border control information is also available [here](#).

The MNZ COVID-19 response team is contactable via MNZCovid-19@maritimenz.govt.nz.

Please contact us via this email address with any questions or concerns.

Stay safe – unite against COVID19

Ngā mihi nui | Kind regards,

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Nō te rere moana Aotearoa

Key contacts

Subsidies and assistance

The government has implemented a number of support packages for businesses to help get through the COVID-19 crisis, including wage subsidies. Information on support packages for businesses, including wage subsidies can be [found here](#).

The wage subsidy application form can be [found here](#).

Ministry for Primary Industries

Operators looking to register as an essential service or with essential service-related queries must contact MPI directly:

Ph: 0800 00 83 33

Email: info@mpi.govt.nz

Maritime New Zealand

For any maritime questions or concerns, please contact the MNZ COVID-19 response team:

Email: MNZCovid-19@maritimenz.govt.nz

FishServe

FishServe is operating as normal, with a helpline available for all FishServe-related queries. You can also fill out their [online form](#).

Ph: 04 460 9555

Email: helpline@fishserve.co.nz

Seafood New Zealand

The latest COVID-19 updates and resources can be found on Seafood New Zealand's industry website. For further enquiries contact us on:

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