
To:	General Practices, Pharmacists, After-Hours Centres and Emergency Departments in the greater Wellington and Wairarapa regions
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Change of Alert Levels

SUBJECT:

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FURTHER INFORMATION:

As you may have heard this evening, Cabinet has raised the Alert Level in Auckland to Level 3 as from 0600 28 February and the rest of New Zealand at Alert Level 2 for a period of 7 days.

This has come after the notification of 2 new cases in the community in Auckland, one of whom has been potentially infectious from Sunday 21 February. There are a number of locations of interest which are available on [the Ministry's website](#).

During this time people may have traveled to various parts of New Zealand. The advice is that people who attended the locations of interest call HealthLine on 0800 3585453, get tested and then follow the instructions provided. Anyone symptomatic should also get tested. This may increase testing at your locations over the next week, so we are asking you to be prepared for this.

We are alerting you so that you can:

- Be prepared for increased testing volumes (consider your Covid Testing Centres and any pop-up testing locations required)
- Be prepared for contact from people who were in the locations of interest

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- Notify your labs of the likelihood of increasing testing numbers
- Update HealthPoint with any changes to testing locations or hours of service.

Guidance for those who have been at a location of interest at the relevant time period varies depending on the level of risk at that location. Consult the [Locations of Interest table](#) on the Ministry of Health website for specific advice.

Please inform anyone you think needs to be aware of this situation.