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Keeping you updated COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

Kia ora koutou

The Prime Minister has announced that all-of-New Zealand will move to Alert Level 4 from 11.59 pm on 17 August 2021. The Alert Level will be reviewed after three days for all areas except Auckland and Coromandel Peninsula, which are likely to remain at Alert Level 4 for an initial period of seven days.

The Government is again moving hard and fast to stop any possible spread of COVID-19 and the Delta variant.

Please stay safe and follow up-to-date [Alert Level 4 guidelines on the Unite Against COVID-19 website](#).

[Please continue to check locations of interest on the Ministry of Health website.](#)

Social service organisations at Alert Level 4

The Ministry of Social Development and Oranga Tamariki are currently working to determine how the latest Alert Level 4 restrictions apply to non-government organisations and social service providers, and how they deliver services.

We will provide an update on this as soon as possible, following the latest Public Health Orders expected to be issued by the Government.

In the meantime, please refer to [Alert Level 4 guidelines on the Unite Against COVID-19 website](#). Remember the Prime Minister's point that the Delta variant is more virulent and therefore there will be a need to exercise more caution about what contact with others is considered essential.

Please take care and thank you for the important services you provide in your communities.

Ngā mihi

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