COVID-19



To safeguard areas of New Zealand at lower alert levels, and to ensure COVID-19 is contained surveillance testing of permitted workers crossing the alert level boundary is going to be implemented immediately.

New Zealand Government Testing permitted workers crossing alert level boundaries

Phases

Awareness

Setting up

Ongoing support

Actions

Employer identifies they are going to be impacted by this alert level order

Employers have processes in place for compliance

Employers need to make sure all affected workers are aware of their obligations Employers are clear with their workers that they need ID, proof of travel and also proof of test before their travel or an Exemption Certificate from a health practitioner

Employers can look at whether they want to organise on-site testing for their workers

Employers will monitor who has been tested, and who hasn't as they won't be able to cross the boundary

Checking test status

Employers will need to be aware that if workers are spot-checked and do not have what is required, they will be turned around and have to go to a testing centre

Employers will continue to engage their workers and ensure they are able to comply with the

requirements

If there are complaints received about specific employers, WorkSafe will follow up

Use

- 1. Employers can find out if they are impacted by the Alert Level Order by visiting the Ministry of Health website.
- 2. Employers will use evidence of permitted travel, such as BTD, work order or employer letter. For more information please visit here.
- 3. FAQs and clear guidance is available here.

- 4. Some larger employers may engage a private provider to do on-site testing. Visit the Ministry of Health website for more information.
- 5. No infringement notices will be issued, workers will be unable to cross the boundary until they have a test.
- 6. If workers require an exemption from being tested due to medical reasons, then they will need to get this from a health practitioner and have the proof on them if stopped by Police.

Checklist

Review processes so clear of obligations

Confirm all tests are arranged

Notify all impacted workers of obligations



Monitor test records of workers



All workers have business travel docs



Ensure workers know proof required

