Our COVID-19 journey: Aotearoa New Zealand

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![Alert Levels Summary]

**WHAT WE DID**

- **Level 4 - Lockdown**
  - Likely the disease is not contained
  - Community transmission is occurring
  - Wide spread of clusters and new clusters.
  - People instructed to stay at home in their bubble other than for essential personal movement.
  - Social distancing is required in the wider community.
  - Travel is severely limited.
  - All gatherings cancelled and all public venues closed.

- **Level 3 - Restrict**
  - High risk the disease is not contained
  - Community transmission might be happening.
  - New clusters may emerge before isolation measures and contact tracing.
  - People instructed to stay home in their bubble other than for essential personal movement.
  - Physical distancing is required in some environments.
  - People must stay within their immediate household bubble.
  - Limited social distancing is required in some environments.
  - Gatherings up to 10 people are allowed for essential services, funerals and weddings.
  - Physical distancing in public health service must be maintained.

- **Level 2 - Reduce**
  - The disease is contained, but the risk of community transmission remains
  - Households transmission could be occurring.
  - People may work from home unless it is not possible.
  - People may travel within their immediate household bubble.
  - Gatherings up to 10 people allowed.
  - Physical distancing in public health services.

- **Level 1 - Prepare**
  - The disease is contained in New Zealand
  - COVID-19 is uncontrolled overseas.
  - Isolated household transmission could be occurring in New Zealand.
  - Barrier entry measures to minimise risk of importation of COVID-19 cases.

**Different parts of the country may be at different Alert Levels. We can move up and down Alert Levels.**

**Essential services including supermarkets, health services, emergency services, utilities and goods transport will continue to operate at any level. Employers in those sectors must continue to meet health and safety obligations.**

**Restrictions are cumulative at Alert Level 4, all restrictions from Alert Level 2 also apply.**

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**WHAT WE DID**

- Introduced an Alert Level system on 21 March.
WHAT WE DID – BORDER MEASURES

• New Zealand had an active border with an economy highly reliant on tourism and our export trade

• Progressive tightening of the border – 16 March 2020 border restrictions, compulsory self-isolation following travel, cruise ship restrictions

• Currently only New Zealand citizens and residents can enter and must go into Government-administered isolation or quarantine for 14 days
WHAT WE DID

All of Government approach

• The All of Government (AoG) Response to COVID-19, Public Information Management (PIM) function is responsible for engaging with and informing the New Zealand public about the response to COVID-19, and how this changes over time for individuals and businesses

• The Unite against COVID-19 website is an information hub with every topic related to COVID-19 in New Zealand

• The brand uses a range of digital channels to reach all New Zealanders

• Multiple public surveys on sentiment have found the campaign is positively received, clear and accepted by New Zealanders
WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Daily confirmed and probable cases

Number of cases

Level 4 – Lockdown
Level 3 – Restrict
Level 2 – Reduce

Date of report

New confirmed and probable cases over time, as at 9.00 am, 8 June 2020

Level 1 – Prepare
The disease is contained in New Zealand
LESSONS LEARNED

Clear and consistent communications
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Equity
• COVID-19 Response Action Plan for Māori (New Zealand’s indigenous people)
• Ensuring communications reached all communities
• Guidance for residential care providers

Domestic reviews
• Contact tracing review
• PPE review
Thank you