

12 August 2020

COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL CHANGE 12 AUGUST 2020

The Government announced there have been cases of COVID-19 community transmission in Auckland and as a result, New Zealand's Alert Levels will change at noon on 12 August 2020. Auckland will move to Alert Level 3 and the rest of New Zealand will move to Alert Level 2.

As we learned during the last lockdown period, details of the Alert Levels can change regularly. For that reason, rather than attempt to detail the Alert Level requirements myself, you should follow the guidance at www.covid19.govt.nz.

Restrictions on gathering sizes will have particular impact on church operations. All gatherings must comply with the Alert Level rules and most importantly, be safe.

QR Code Posters

When the Government QR code app and posters were first released a Business Identification Number (BIN) was required. Some churches did not have a BIN. This has since been updated and a BIN is no longer compulsory.

If you want to generate a QR Poster for your church, visit <https://qrform.tracing.covid19.govt.nz/>. The Business Industry Code for churches (which includes all church operations, for example youth ministry activities) is **S954010**.

Presbyterian Specific Guidance

There is guidance at <https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/for-parishes/coronavirus-information>.

Further Support

Each church should have a Health and Safety Representative. If you have any questions, your local Health and Safety Representative is your first point of contact.

If you need further support, you are welcome to contact me.

Sincerely,



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