Covid 19 coronavirus: PM reminds New Zealanders level 3 except business restrictions, not social ones

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NZ TO MOVE TO ALERT LEVEL 3 ON MONDAY, APRIL 27 AT 11:59

New Zealand will move to level 3 (lockdown) on Monday, April 27 at 11:59pm. Alert level 3 will be held for two weeks and then Cabinet will assess whether to move down another level.

You can have takeaway coffee next week, but you still can't meet your friend for a coffee.

As Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced a lockdown end date this afternoon, she also reiterated alert level 3 will not change how much socialising New Zealanders can do compared to level 4.

New Zealand will move down to alert level 3 at 11.59pm next Monday, April 27, and Ardern says the move will be about easing business restrictions, not social ones.

What awaits New Zealand in a week's time is not remarkably different from the situation we've now been in for four weeks.

"Yes alert level 3 allows more economic activity like construction, manufacturing and forestry, but it does not allow more social activity," Ardern said this afternoon.

"And for good reason. If we want to make sure that we are a health success story, and ensure our economy can start to operate again without the virus taking off, we need to get the next phase right. The worst thing we can do for our country is to yo-yo between levels, with all of the uncertainty that this would bring," the Prime Minister added.

New Zealand will be at level 3 for "at least" two weeks.

Ardern said New Zealand has done what few countries have been able to do: "We have stopped a wave of devastation."

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"In short, the effort of our team of 5 million has broken the chain of transmission and taken a quantum leap forward in our goal to eliminate the virus," she added.

The Prime Minister says the extra week at level 4 and the two weeks at level 3 are to ensure New Zealand does not waste the gains it has made in the last four weeks.

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"You, all of you, have stopped the uncontrolled explosion of Covid-19 in New Zealand, and I couldn't feel prouder of the start we have made together," she said.
"But I also feel a huge responsibility to ensure that we do not lose any of the gains we have made either."


Covid-19 in NZ – 6th September

1772
New
Total confirmed and probable cases

116 +4
Active cases
4 +2
In hospital
1
In ICU
1632 +1
Recovered
24
Deaths
137 +1
Border Cases

Globally

26,739,787
Confirmed cases
17,834,857
Recovered
876,938
Deaths

Daily cases

Covid-19 cases around NZ

116
Active cases of Covid-19

Case status
Confirmed 1421
Probable 351

Medical status
Active cases 116
Recovered 1632
Deaths 24
Currently in hospital 4
Currently in ICU 1

Source of transmission
Contact with imported cases 454
Imported cases 679
Local, known source 541
Local, unknown source 90
Under investigation 1

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