



COVID-19 ADVISORY

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COVID-19 POLICE CONTROL OF AUCKLAND ROADS

Auckland moved to Alert Level 3 and the rest of New Zealand to Alert Level 2 at **12 noon on Wednesday 12 August**, for three days.

This is a dynamic situation and the Road Transport Forum will bring you information as it comes to hand. We have reactivated our Covid-19 web page [here](#) – which we will update as information comes to hand.

Operators moving in and out of Auckland will now have to cross through checkpoints operated by the New Zealand Police. The RTF is trying to get easy access through these checkpoints for trucks, and we will keep you posted as we progress with this. We can see this causing significant issues for trucking operators and we are keen to hear from you if that happens.

As happened previously, announcements come before logistics. We have issued this [media release](#) and are working hard to get the Government to understand the situation for trucks.

By law, freight should be free to move – here is the link to the [Covid-19 Public Health Response \(Alert Levels 3 and 2\) Order 2020](#) signed by Health Minister Chris Hipkins today. But we remain unclear on how this will play out at the Auckland checkpoints.

Below is the latest information from the New Zealand Police. The link takes you to where the checkpoints will be.

Information from the New Zealand Police

Entering and exiting Auckland

From midday (Wednesday 12 August) Police will be operating nine checkpoints at exit points just inside the regional boundaries, largely based on the Auckland Super City boundaries.

The checkpoints will be similar to the operations conducted ahead of the long weekends during the national Alert Level 3. Police will be stopping vehicles and questioning drivers, but as has been the approach through the COVID-19 response, the Police say their first focus will be on educating people and ensuring they are aware of the new restrictions.

More information is available [here](#).

Information from Ministry of Transport

The Ministry of Transport has provided updated tables giving guidance for how the different alert levels apply for different modes and services. The most up-to-date information is [here](#).

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