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Auckland border

We are aware there were massive delays on the Auckland borders yesterday, particularly the southern border. We are concerned about driver welfare as well as animal welfare where animals are being transported on trucks, and the condition of perishable goods, including the cost of spoils.

We are unsure why Police and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency haven't learned from previous lockdowns, and we continue to raise issues with them.

Please contact me if you are having ongoing or serious issues.

The region covered by Level 3 in Auckland and the location of the checkpoints are below.

Advice from BusinessNZ

BusinessNZ and CTU call on workplaces to step up Covid response

BusinessNZ and the CTU have issued a joint statement calling on all workplaces to play their part in ensuring that New Zealand beats the latest Covid outbreak.

"Workplaces are a crucial element of NZ's defence against Covid. It's vital that everyone, both employers and employees, work together," says Richard Wagstaff, President of the CTU.

Kirk Hope, BusinessNZ Chief Executive said, "We have a Covid-19 strategy that is really quite simple - everyone must stay away from work and isolate if they've been a close contact. It's essential everyone is willing and able to stick to this strategy."

"We need to work together so that isolation is not only the right thing to do, but also the easy thing to do. Workplaces must communicate this message so that everyone knows what's expected of them. There should be no disadvantage or penalty of any kind for shielding others from Covid-19," Richard Wagstaff said.

"Every business and every worker must do everything in their power to get ahead of the latest Covid outbreak. The consequences and costs of failure would be huge for all of us," Kirk Hope said.

Part of achieving that involves everyone being fully aware of the financial supports that are in place from central government. Workplaces should know that:

- Whilst you are waiting for the results of Covid-19 test - **The Covid-19 Short-Term Absence Payment** is available for businesses, including self-employed people, to help pay their workers who cannot work from home while they wait for a Covid-19 test result. There's a one-off payment of \$350 for each eligible worker.
- If you are off sick with Covid-19, caring for someone with COVID-19, or have been required to isolate because of Covid-19 - **The Covid-19 Leave Support Scheme** is available for employers, including self-employed people, to help pay their employees who need to self-isolate and can't work from home. The scheme is paid as a lump sum and covers 2 weeks per eligible employee, up to \$1176.60 for people who were working 20 hours or more per week.
- **The Resurgence Support Payment** is a payment to help support viable and ongoing business or organisations due to a COVID-19 alert level increase to level 2 or higher. Eligible businesses and organisations can apply to receive the lesser of:
 - \$1,500 plus \$400 per full-time equivalent (FTE) employee, up to a maximum of 50 FTEs
 - four times (4x) the actual revenue drop experienced by the applicant.
- Information will be available on Monday about a **Wage Subsidy for employers and self-employed people impacted by Covid-19**. This scheme will be available across New Zealand.

There are a range of supports for businesses during COVID-19 from Inland Revenue. These can be found at: <https://www.ird.govt.nz/covid-19/latest-policy-initiatives>

There are a range of supports for business and families from the Ministry of Social Development. These can be found at: <https://workandincome.govt.nz/covid-19/index.html>

Auckland boundaries for Level 3

The Health Order covering the Level 3 lockdown of Auckland is available [here](#). [Schedule 4](#) sets out the alert level 3 area, which includes one change which is to bring Port Waikato into the Level 3 area. [Schedule 5](#) has the map of the alert level area. These are outlined below.

Schedule 4

Description of alert level 3 area

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Alert level 3 area means—

- (a) the area within the boundaries of Auckland as determined by the Local Government (Auckland Boundaries) Determination 2010 (*Gazette* 2010, p 858); and
- (b) the area (bounded by the middle of the roads listed below)—
 - (i) commencing on the mean high-water mark of the west coast of the North Island at the southernmost point of the south-west corner of the area described in paragraph (a) (the boundaries of Auckland); then
 - (ii) proceeding in a generally south-easterly direction along the mean high-water mark (and across the mouth of the Waikato River) to the Kaawa Stream; then

- (iii) proceeding in a generally north-easterly direction along the north bank of the Kaawa Stream to the intersection with Port Waikato-Waikaretu Road; then
- (iv) proceeding south along Port Waikato-Waikaretu Road to the intersection with Baker Road; then
- (v) proceeding east along Baker Road to the intersection with Wairamarama-Onewhero Road; then
- (vi) proceeding south along Wairamarama-Onewhero Road to the intersection with Bothwell Loop Road; then
- (vii) proceeding east along Bothwell Loop Road to the intersection with Waikaretu Valley Road; then
- (viii) proceeding east along Waikaretu Valley Road to the intersection with State Highway 22; then
- (ix) proceeding north-east along State Highway 22 to the intersection with Glen Murray Road; then
- (x) proceeding south-east along Glen Murray Road to the intersection with Churchill Road; then
- (xi) proceeding north along Churchill Road until it crosses Opuatia Stream; then
- (xii) proceeding in a generally north-easterly direction along the north bank of the Opuatia Stream to the Waikato River; then
- (xiii) proceeding in a generally northerly direction along the west bank of the Waikato River to the intersection with Mercer Ferry Road; then
- (xiv) proceeding north-east along Mercer Ferry Road to the intersection with Koheroa Road; then
- (xv) proceeding north-east along Koheroa Road to the intersection with Mangatawhiri Road; then
- (xvi) proceeding north-west along Mangatawhiri Road to the intersection with Lyons Road; then
- (xvii) proceeding north-east along Lyons Road to the intersection with Paparimu Road; then
- (xviii) proceeding north-west along Paparimu Road to the intersection with the area described in paragraph (a) (the boundaries of Auckland); then
- (xix) proceeding in a generally westerly direction along the southern boundary of the boundaries of Auckland to the point of commencement described in subparagraph (i).

Schedule 5

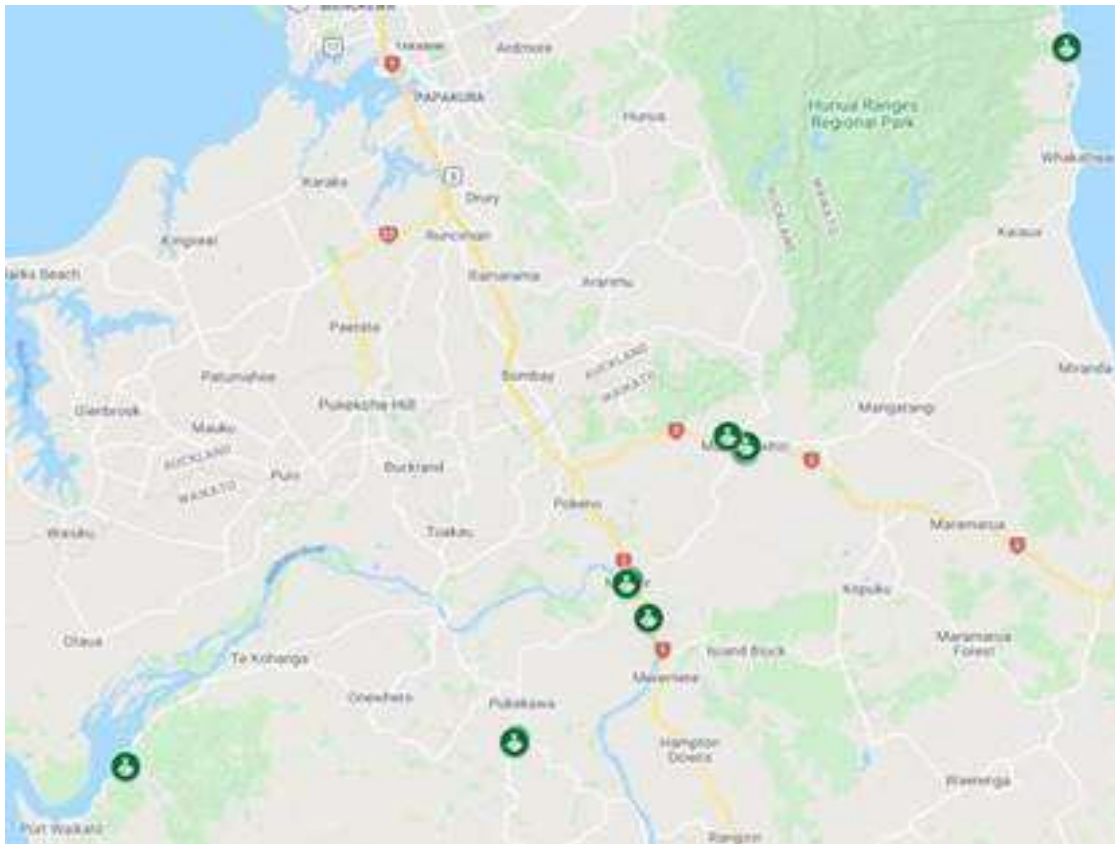
Map of alert level 3 area

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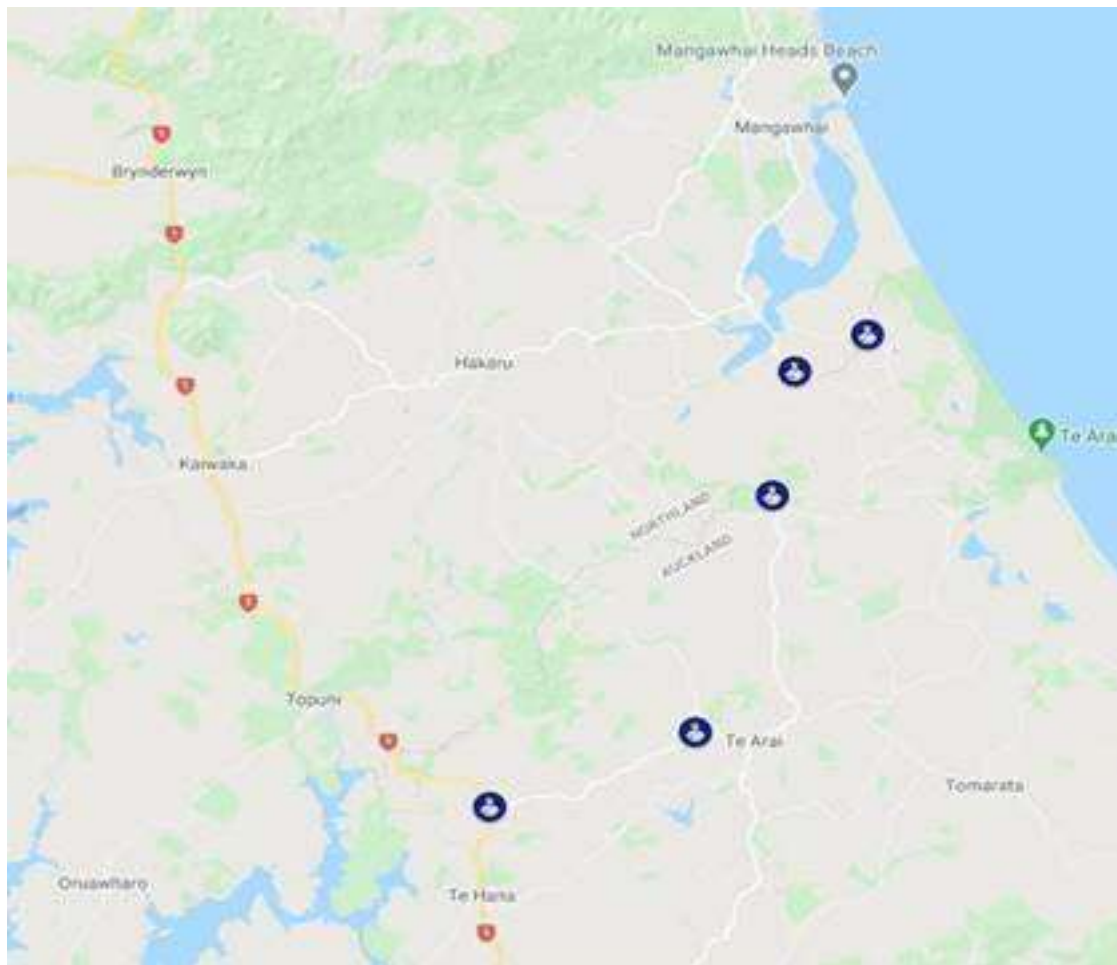


Checkpoints

The Southern Checkpoints are located as per the map. Please note the Port Waikato checkpoint is not required and will be removed from this map!



The Northern Checkpoints are located as per the map:



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