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To: All SLSNZ Clubs and Members

From: Chris Emmett – Chief Operations Officer

Subject: COVID-19 Memo #16 – Regional COVID-19 Alert Level

The New Zealand Government announced earlier this week that from Monday 31 August 2020, the whole of the country will be at Alert Level 2, however there will be some regional differences regarding gathering limits. Please note key points of the changes as outlined below:

- Auckland remains in Alert Level 3 until 11.59 pm Sunday August 30th
- At that time, Auckland will move to Alert Level 2, but with a gathering limit of 10
- The rest of New Zealand will stay in Alert Level 2, with a gathering limit of 100

The gatherings limit applies to all surf lifesaving activities such as trainings, active recreation and sport, the best guidance we can find is from Sport New Zealand, they have published Alert Level 2 guidance for [Auckland](#), and for the rest of [New Zealand](#).

Key considerations to note:

- Gatherings are defined as contact activities where physical distancing cannot be observed
- Operators of contact activities will need to consider modified training and play environments until the gathering restrictions are lifted
- Multiple gatherings of 10 (Auckland) and 100 (rest of NZ) can take place in open spaces if groups are kept separate at all times, entering and leaving, and when using facilities such as toilets and change facilities
- Gatherings include players, coaches and officials. Spectators also need to be kept physically distanced if they are being allowed to watch
- Any facility or activity that can keep all participants physically distanced at all times can accommodate more than 10 (Auckland) participants, with the number involved then decided by the size of the venue/space
- You must have a plan for the safe operation of your business or service that documents how Government restrictions will be adhered to and all public hygiene and contact tracing requirements are met
- Note that generally speaking everyone in Auckland is encouraged to wear face coverings in public; you may wish to consider how this is added to your health and safety plan

The Ministry of Health will be re-assessing the situation with an update on Sunday September 6, SLSNZ will also look to update advice after this time.

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