

New Zealand Government Alert Levels - Surf Life Saving Capability/Operational Compliance

- The '**Alert Levels**' below are determined by the Government and specify the public health and social measures to be taken in the fight against COVID-19. Surf Lifesaving have applied these with current information and developed a **Capability/Operational Compliance Matrix**, this is designed to support best practice decision making for Surf Lifesaving.
- The '**Range of Measures**' may be updated based on new scientific knowledge about COVID-19, information about the effectiveness of control measures in New Zealand and overseas, or the application of Alert Levels at different times (e.g. the application may be different depending on if New Zealand is moving down or up Alert Levels). Surf Lifesaving may also update the '**Surf Lifesaving Capability/Operational Compliance Matrix**' on the basis Government updates or sector wide decisions around operational compliance.
- Government advice is that the '**Alert Levels**' may be applied to a town, city, territorial local authority, regional authority or across a national level. Different parts of the country may be at a different alert level at any given time, the Government has signalled we can move up and down '**Alert Levels**'. This could be complex in nature, however Surf Lifesaving Staff will be informed and be able to guide Clubs as status of the changing '**Alert Levels**'.
- Restrictions are cumulative (at Alert Level 4, all restrictions from Alert Level 1, 2 and 3 apply).
- Surf Lifesaving New Zealand will continue to produce Operational Memos clarifying and further outlining the Surf Lifesaving Capability/Operational Compliance, these can be found here: <https://www.surflifesaving.org.nz/club-management/health-safety/covid-19-updates>

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Alert Level/Outcome	Risk Assessment	Range of Measures (can be applied locally or nationally)	Surf Life Saving Capability/Operational Compliance
<p>Level 4 Lockdown Strong restrictions to limit all people movement and contact to contain community transmission and outbreaks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustained and intensive community transmission is occurring. • Widespread outbreaks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People instructed to stay at home in their bubble other than for essential personal movement. • Safe recreational activity is allowed in local area. • Travel is severely limited. • All gatherings cancelled and all public venues closed. • Businesses closed except for essential services (e.g. supermarkets, pharmacies, clinics, petrol stations) and lifeline utilities. • Educational facilities closed. • Rationing of supplies and requisitioning of facilities possible. • Reprioritisation of healthcare services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surf Life Saving & Club Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue to implement remote working from home, teleconference and remote member support strategies. ○ No staff working from offices unless engaged as an 'Essential Service'. • Lifesaving Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved SAR SQUADS only, squads need to be; currently registered, tasked only by Police as part of an 'Essential Service' for Category 1 or Category 2 SAR Operations, also need to be COVID-19 PPE compliant. ○ If you are tasked by Police as part of an 'Essential Service' for Category 1 or Category 2 SAR Operations you should wear a mask. • Clubs/Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All club facilities closed to all membership unless tasked as per above as an 'Essential Service'. • Education/Learning/Training Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Online Learning only. • Sport/Physical Recreation /Junior Surf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nil, except low level safe recreation, outlined by Government.

<p style="text-align: center;">Level 3 Restrict</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Further restrictions on activities, including at workplaces and socially, to address a high risk of transmission within New Zealand.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple cases of community transmission occurring. Multiple active clusters in multiple regions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People instructed to stay home in their bubble other than for essential personal movement – including to shop, go to work or school if they have to, local recreation, or to seek medical care. Physical distancing of two metres outside home or one metre in controlled environments like schools and workplaces. Wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged when outside of the home for people 7 years of age and older. People must stay within their immediate household bubble, but can expand this to connect with close family / whānau, or bring in caregivers, or support isolated people. This extended bubble must remain exclusive. Early learning centres and schools are open for children whose parents have to go to work and have no care giver arrangements, particularly essential workers. People must work from home unless that is not possible. Businesses can open premises, but cannot physically interact with customers. Workers should be kept at least 1 metre apart where possible, and face coverings are strongly recommended. All businesses must display a government issued QR code for use with the NZ COVID Tracer App by 19 August. Low risk local recreation activities are allowed. Public venues are closed (e.g. libraries, museums, cinemas, food courts, gyms, pools, playgrounds, markets). Gatherings of up to 10 people are allowed but only for wedding services, funerals and tangihanga. Physical distancing and public health measures must be maintained. Inter-regional travel is highly limited (e.g. for essential workers, people returning to their primary residence, with limited exemptions for others). People at high risk of severe illness (older people and those with existing medical conditions) are encouraged to stay at home where possible, and take additional precautions when leaving home. They may choose to work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surf Life Saving & Club Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement remote working from home, teleconference and remote member support strategies. No staff working from offices or undertaking travel unless authorised by CE, COO, Club Chairperson (for club travel) or part of an ‘Essential Service’. Lifesaving Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAR SQUADS as per SOPs’ & rescue ready - need to be COVID-19 PPE compliant. Observation and Roaming Patrols can be provided where clubs/services can provide the required resources. Flagged areas may be considered but only on a case by case basis to maintain public safety, these are only to be approved by the Regional Lifesaving Manager. Red Flag Protocol – If lifeguards are unable to provide a full patrol or the water conditions are too dangerous for swimming and there is concern for public safety, ‘red flagging’ the beach could be used at Alert Level 3, particularly if full patrols are not available due to Alert Level restrictions Clubs/Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club facilities are generally closed to membership unless tasked as per above as an ‘Essential Service’ for SAR SQUADS or if the club/service is providing a Flagged Area, Observational or Roaming Patrols previously agreed by the Regional Office. If Clubs do open to provide a lifesaving service, they will need to have a specific approved ‘COVID-19 Operational Safety Plan’ in place. Education/Learning/Training Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online Learning ‘Close Proximity Training’ is approved for lifeguards in IRB’s, RWC’s, Board and Tube Rescues, where a club is providing Observation & Roaming Patrols. No ‘upskilling’ for members who currently do not hold awards. i.e. no IRB driver training for unqualified drivers. Sport/Physical Recreation /Junior Surf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Events. Physical Recreation may occur under the following guidelines; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. it needs to be in a low risk local environment, with a safety plan, ii. using non-powered individual equipment (Swimming, Boards, Surf Skis), iii. physical distancing recommendations need to be observed iv. focus must be within existing skill and fitness levels; member must already be competent v. if club equipment is used the club must ensure existing proficiency/competency. No organised coaching sessions or mixed bubble recreation or training allowed. No Junior Surf.
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Level 2 Reduce

Physical distancing and restrictions on leisure and social activities to address sporadic cases or a cluster in New Zealand.

- Limited community transmission could be occurring.
- Active clusters in more than one region.

- People can connect with friends and family, and socialise in groups of up to 100, go shopping, or travel domestically, if following public health guidance.
- Keep physical distancing of two metres from people you don't know when out in public or in retail stores. Keep one metre physical distancing in controlled environments like workplaces, where practicable.
- People 7 years old and older may consider wearing a face covering when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- No more than 100 people at gatherings, including weddings, birthdays and funerals and tangihanga.
- Businesses can open to the public if following public health guidance including physical distancing and record keeping. Alternative ways of working encouraged where possible.
- Hospitality businesses must keep groups of customers separated, seated, and served by a single person. Maximum of 100 people at a time.
- All businesses must display a government issued QR code for use with the NZ COVID Tracer App by 19 August.
- Face coverings are encouraged if you are in close contact with others you don't know.
- Sport and recreation activities are allowed, subject to conditions on gatherings, record keeping, and – where practical – physical distancing.
- Public venues such as museums, libraries and pools can open if they comply with public health measures and ensure 1 metre physical distancing and record keeping.
- Event facilities, including cinemas, stadiums, concert venues and casinos can have more than 100 people at a time, provided that there are no more than 100 in a defined space, and the groups do not mix.
- It is safe to send your children to schools, early learning services and tertiary education. There will be appropriate measures in place.
- People at higher-risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (e.g. those with underlying medical conditions, especially if not well-controlled, and seniors) are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home. They may work, if they agree with their employer that they can do so safely.

- **Surf Life Saving & Club Staff**
 - Working from offices ok, encourage remote working where possible, use physical distancing of two metres from people you don't know, with one metre physical distancing in controlled workplaces, contact tracing protocols need to be in place.
 - Club meetings ok, use physical distancing strategies, contact tracing or QR code protocols need to be in place.
 - Staff can travel, but do it in a safe way, seek authorisation from CE, COO or Chairpersons if travel is out of region.
- **Lifesaving Operations**
 - SAR SQUADS as per SOPs' & rescue ready.
 - Patrolling models include, Flagged Areas, Observation and Roaming Patrols during patrol season. No maximum numbers are to be imposed on flagged areas. Clubs may consider providing more than one flagged where it is practicable to do so.
 - Measures must be taken to sanitise and minimise the sharing of equipment.
 - Inter-regional travel for Lifesaving Operations ok, but do it in a safe way.
- **Clubs/Facilities**
 - Club facilities can open if they have an approved 'COVID-19 Operational Safety Plan', overnight club stays should only be permitted where they are an essential part of operations, ensure current conditions on mass gatherings, contact tracing protocols, and where practical physical distancing conditions are met.
- **Education/Learning/Training Courses**
 - Education/Learning/Training Courses are all subject to current conditions on mass gatherings, contact tracing protocols, 'Close Proximity Training' for lifeguards in IRB's, RWC's, Board and Tube Rescues can take place.
 - Beach Education, will conform to maximum gathering numbers.
 - Measures must be taken to sanitise and minimise the sharing of equipment.
 - Inter-regional travel for Education/Learning/Training Courses ok, but do it in a safe way.
- **Events/Physical Recreation/Trainings/Junior Surf**
 - Events/Physical Recreation/Trainings/Junior Surf are all subject to current conditions on mass gatherings, contact tracing protocols, and where practical physical distancing conditions should be meet.
 - Measures must be taken to sanitise and minimise the sharing of equipment.
 - Inter-regional travel for Events/Physical Recreation/Trainings/Junior Surf ok, but do it in a safe way.



<p>Level 1 Prepare Keep out global pandemic. Population prepared for increase in alert levels if necessary.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 is uncontrolled overseas. • Sporadic imported cases. • Isolated local transmission could be occurring in New Zealand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Border entry measures to minimise risk of importing COVID-19 cases. • Intensive testing for COVID-19. • Rapid contact tracing of any positive case. • Self-isolation and quarantine required. • Schools and workplaces open, and must operate safely. • No restrictions on personal movement but people are encouraged to maintain a record of where they have been. • No restrictions on gatherings but organisers encouraged to maintain records to enable contact tracing. • Stay home if you're sick, report flu-like symptoms. • Wash and dry hands, cough into elbow, don't touch your face. • No restrictions on domestic transport – avoid public transport or travel if sick. • No restrictions on workplaces or services but they are encouraged to maintain records to enable contact tracing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surf Life Saving & Club Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working and interacting as per normal. ○ No restrictions on local/regional/national travel or flights. • Lifesaving Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SAR SQUADS as per SOPs' & rescue ready. ○ Normal Patrol Operations can occur. ○ No restrictions on local/regional/national travel or flights. • Clubs/Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Club facilities are open to public and membership as per normal. • Education/Learning/Training Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Normal training can occur. ○ Beach Education as per normal at registered venues. ○ No restrictions on local/regional/national travel or flights. • Sport/Physical Recreation & Trainings/Junior Surf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Events can run as normal. ○ Coached physical training sessions can be run as per normal. ○ Junior Surf sessions can be run as per normal. ○ No restrictions on local/regional/national travel or flights.
<p>No Level Business as Usual</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very Low Risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good hygiene measures and normal PPE practices in place • Stay home if you're sick, do not attend any activities, report flu-like symptoms • Wash and dry hands, cough into elbow, don't touch your face 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surf Life Saving & Club Staff – BAU normal hygiene & PPE measures in place. • Lifesaving Operations – BAU normal hygiene & PPE measures in place. • Clubs/Facilities – BAU normal hygiene & PPE measures in place. • Education/Learning/Training Courses – BAU normal hygiene & PPE measures in place. • Sport/Physical Trainings/Junior Surf – BAU normal hygiene & PPE measures in place.