

No doubt you will all be aware by now that the greater Auckland area is moving into alert level 3 from midday today and the rest of the country will be in alert level 2.

Auckland

This morning more information will become available. The Ministry have advised it anticipates that in Auckland:

- Counters will be closed, and drop boxes reinstated.
- Mental Health proceeding using Virtual Meeting rooms.
- Electronic filing.
- Physical distancing.
- Limiting people entering the court buildings.
- Thermo imaging.
- Staff and judges unable to attend work in person.
- Parties unable to attend in person.

For the Auckland District Court, Judge de Jong will be meeting with Judge Fleming this morning to discuss what this will mean for long cause fixtures, and further information will follow.

The leadership team at the Ministry will be working quickly this morning to plan the next three days, and communications will come out as soon as information is available. If you have any urgent matters, please email Fiona Parkes (Fiona.parkes@justice.govt.nz) or the local court service managers – click [here](#) for their contact details.

The rest of New Zealand

We have no information as of yet but will be updating members as confirmed information becomes available.

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