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## COVID-19 Guidance for Businesses

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**For all the latest Government information see [www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz)**

### COVID-19 Business Helpline 0800 500 362

Support and advice is also available through the BusinessNZ Network, our free helpline service is available for all New Zealand businesses:

- specific advice and access to Government business support
- advice on what the current Alert Level means for your business
- HR and general business advice and access to online resources and webinars
- connections to business advisory services.

To find out more call [0800 500 362](tel:0800500362).

### COVID-19: Contact tracing locations of interest

An Australian traveller from Sydney who visited Wellington from Saturday 19 June to Monday 21 June has tested positive upon return to Australia. There are now locations of interest in Wellington.

These will be updated during the day with further public health information issued:

[https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-public/contact-tracing-covid-19/covid-19-contact-tracing-locations-interest?fbclid=IwAR2PCGFWe-n9BZM-ui2uCAbLzJU\\_-HWApGptrIDtwvn8lCqZyQckoi6WHRY](https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-public/contact-tracing-covid-19/covid-19-contact-tracing-locations-interest?fbclid=IwAR2PCGFWe-n9BZM-ui2uCAbLzJU_-HWApGptrIDtwvn8lCqZyQckoi6WHRY)

If you or your staff are a contact - what you need to do: anyone who attended one of the locations listed here during the relevant timeframes is considered to be a contact. Please check:

- The full location and address details
- Date and the relevant times
- The instructions on 'what to do'
- **Still unsure? Contact Healthline for advice on 0800 358 5453.**

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## Guidance for businesses that are a location of interest

Information to support businesses that have been identified as a location of interest following a visit by a confirmed (or probable) COVID-19 case. In most cases, a public health official will call and talk you through what this means for your business, however there may be some occasions (eg, out of hours) when it may not be possible to contact you immediately.

- [Guidance for businesses that are locations of interest following a visit by a confirmed \(or probable\) COVID-19 case \(PDF, 182 KB\)](#)

## COVID-19 Leave Support and Short-Term Absence Payment

As a reminder – There are financial support options available to businesses, including people who are self-employed, whose employees are awaiting a COVID-19 test or who are asked to self-isolate and are unable to work from home. Eligibility requirements for the COVID-19 Leave Support Scheme have changed from 9 February 2021, with the introduction of the COVID-19 Short Term Absence Payment. Note: You cannot get more than one COVID-19 payment for the same employee at the same time from us.

**Leave support package** <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/covid-19/leave-support-scheme/index.html>

Leave support package is available for employers, including self-employed people, to help pay their employees who need to self-isolate and can't work from home. It's to help businesses keep paying eligible workers who:

- can't come into work because they are in one of the affected groups and have been told to self-isolate, and
- can't work from home.

**Short-Term Absence Payment** <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/covid-19/short-term-absence-payment/index.html> **COVID-19**

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.

It's to help businesses keep paying eligible workers who:

- cannot work from home, and
- need to miss work to stay home while waiting for a COVID-19 test result (in line with public health guidance).

There's a one-off payment of \$350 for each eligible worker. You can only apply for it once, for each eligible worker, in any 30-day period (unless a health official or doctor tells the worker to get another test).

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