

Dear Fellow Toastmaster

This evening Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, announced that from midnight tonight Auckland and Coromandel will go into lockdown under Alert Level 4 for 7 days starting from 11.59pm tonight (Tuesday 17 August 2021). The balance of New Zealand will also go into lockdown under Alert Level 4 for 3 days from 11.59pm tonight.

### **What does this mean to you?**

A range of measures that can be applied locally or nationally, including:

- People are 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 are cancelled, and all public venues are closed
- Businesses are closed except for essential services - for example, supermarkets, pharmacies, clinics, petrol stations and lifeline utilities will stay open
- Educational facilities are closed
- Rationing of supplies and requisitioning of facilities is possible
- Reprioritisation of healthcare services

### **In relation to Toastmasters clubs:**

- During lockdown, all club meetings are to be held **online**, or
- **postponed**; or
- **cancelled**.

There will be **no face-to-face** meetings during Alert Level 4 lockdown.

Your District will maintain communication on the state of the lockdown as and when it hears more from the Government.

Please practise all the safety requirements which include:

- wearing a mask in public areas
- washing hands regularly
- scanning the COVID-19 QR code wherever you go

Your District is concerned with putting the health and safety of all members first.

Yours sincerely



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