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Crane Association of New Zealand member update: Coronavirus (Covid-19)

Many of you will have seen the Prime Minister’s announcement on Saturday regarding COVID-19, the government has announced a four-level COVID-19 alert system. These alert levels specify the health and social measures to be taken. As of Monday 23 March 2020, New Zealand has been lifted to **COVID-19 Alert Level 3** and **Alert Level 4 in 48 hours**. All restrictions relating to the alert system increase >> [CLICK HERE](#) <<, and or see attached.

All of these measures will remain in place for about four weeks. The government will have zero tolerance for people ignoring these restrictions.

In response to the above announcement, the Crane Association of New Zealand has initiated our Business Continuity Plan. This means the CANZ team will now be working from home. From today, our office at Margan House, 21 Fitzherbert Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington will be closed until further notice.

All Crane Training New Zealand orders will be processed and dispatched on Wednesday mornings only, and will be dependent on courier availability.

We will continue to follow the procedures as advised by the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, and the national COVID-19 website. <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

We must all play our part to ensure the health and wellbeing of all in our local and wider community. Please ensure we all follow the simple steps available to us to unite against the virus and slow its spread;

- Avoid close contact with people with cold or flu-like illnesses.
- Staying at home if you are sick.
- Coughing or sneezing into a tissue or your elbow and then performing hand hygiene.
- Wash hands for at least 20 seconds with water and soap and dry them thoroughly.
- Cleaning surfaces regularly.

The use of personal protective equipment (PPE), such as face masks, can reduce the spread of infection when used correctly and in the appropriate context. This may be recommended in workplaces where people are more likely to come in contact with the disease.

The Government’s \$12.1 billion Business Support Package announced on March 17

CANZ is continuing to work closely with government agencies and officials to express our concerns around the financial difficulties many of our members might be experiencing. We plan to communicate regularly with you to ensure you’re always up to date on the ever-changing scenario that is COVID-19, and how New Zealand businesses can benefit from the Government’s Business Support Package.

[Find the Business Support Package application forms here.](#)

As of Monday 23 March 2020, the Prime Ministers announcement has confirmed that additional financial measures will be made available.

Finance Minister Grant Robertson says Cabinet has agreed to raise the wage subsidy scheme by removing the \$150,000 cap for businesses - this means basically every employee who is unable to work from home and is non-essential will be covered. He's also widened the eligibility so it now covers NGOs, charities, and a variety of other entities.

- The government is freezing rent increases to ease the pressure of restrictions.
- The wage subsidy cap has been lifted to \$9.1 billion.
- Further information will be provided by the government in days to come.

Looking after mental health and wellbeing during COVID-19

It's a tense time for most of us. COVID-19 is scary, and it's rapidly changing the way we work, socialise, travel, access healthcare, exercise, shop and live. Looking after our wellbeing is essential right now. If you have any wellbeing questions, please refer to <https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/> or simply text the 24/7 helpline service on 1737 for support from a trained counsellor.

This is a very unique situation – you have our ongoing support as we work together to solve the challenges that lie ahead.

I hope that you, your family and team keep safe and well, through the coming days and weeks too!

Warmest regards

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