# COVID-19

# Elimination Strategy for Aotearoa New Zealand

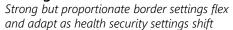
Objective: To prevent cases of COVID-19 | KOWHEORI-19 entering New Zealand while being ready to quickly eliminate any chains of transmission in the community

Approach: We learn and iterate our evidence and risk-based approach to the best set of public health measures balancing health, economic and social outcomes for New Zealand, while working closely with New Zealanders to grow and sustain social license for the measures taken

HEALTH RESPONSE **PILLARS** 

#### **KEEP IT OUT**

Pre- & Border Settings, Managed Isolation & Quarantine

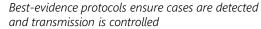




- Mutually agreed health and transport protocols between countries for travel & transit
- MIQ settings and wrap-around services
- Negotiated guarantine (-free) travel arrangements
- Travel restrictions align to immigration settings
- O Protocols for high-risk staff at border (air crew, maritime crew, airside workers, port workers, MIQ workers)

#### PREPARE FOR IT

**Detection & Surveillance** 





- Disease surveillance, e.g. Genome sequencing, Influenza-like illness, Sentinel testing (community sampling)
- Advice via Healthline and other health providers

### **Public Health Measures**

Base-level public health behaviours | Alert Level 1

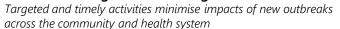


Personal protection and hygiene, e.g. frequent hand washing

Systems to support contact tracing, e.g. technology

### **STAMP IT OUT**

**Contact Tracing & Case Management** 





Technology-enabled tracing

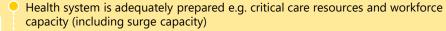
- Quarantine & self-isolation protocols
- Escalation protocols
- Community leadership to facilitate tracing

## **Stronger Public Health Measures**

Public adherence to tailored health interventions is high due to trust and confidence in our health settings | Alert Levels 2-4



- Limits on social gatherings
- Targeted and timely behavioural intervention campaigns for different population groups
- O Community leaders champion public health messages



- Vaccine(s) | Therapeutics Vaccines
- Best Health Evidence Guidelines
- The Ministry / DHBs work with the sector and communities in the planning, coordination and delivery of our response

STRATEGIC **ACTION** AREAS



MANAGE THE IMPACT



**Health System Readiness & Resilience** 

Proactive planning ensures a proportionate response to manage impacts of COVID-19 and maintain other services. Implementation of the COVID-19 vaccination programme in 2021.



