



Staff Bulletin - Branches

Attention: All VINZ Staff

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From: Sean Stevens – CEO

Subject: COVID – 19 Level 3 Auckland Staff Bulletin

As you will have likely heard, the Ministry of Health has asked all Aucklanders working under Level 3 to get a covid test. They have also singled out Mt Wellington and this is where our main testing site is as well as some home addresses.

This call to action is to ensure that the cases being seen at present are not widespread community cases. This evidence will provide additional knowledge for the move to Level 2, which is what we all want. But we need to ensure it is safe to do so.

Can I please ask ALL Auckland workers to make every endeavour to get a COVID test before Sunday this week. We all want to move to L2 and this is how we can do our part. Those staff that are not currently rostered a full week during L3 should be able to attend a public test site, those that are working on a roster can have this carried out during work hours if required BUT this must be communicated and planned with your Manager.

Those tested under this arrangement DO NOT need to isolate or stay at home while awaiting their results, but if symptomatic then you should stay home, even if a recent test was negative. (be sure to inform your Manager)

Based on the information from our recent internal survey, Auckland is currently at approx. 84% vaccinated for the first and 59% for the second shot.

Please take any opportunity that you can to get your remaining shots. If we can get to 90% vaccinated, then life will get so much simpler for everybody.

If you live anywhere in the Flat Bush/ Clover Park or Mangere areas, then please make sure that you get tested if you have not already done so in the past 5 days. All Mt Wellington based staff should do so as well based on locations of work.

Below is the link to the MOH website with the testing centres.

<https://www.arphs.health.nz/public-health-topics/covid-19/where-to-get-tested>.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Sean Stevens