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against
COVID-19

Advocacy in a Pandemic

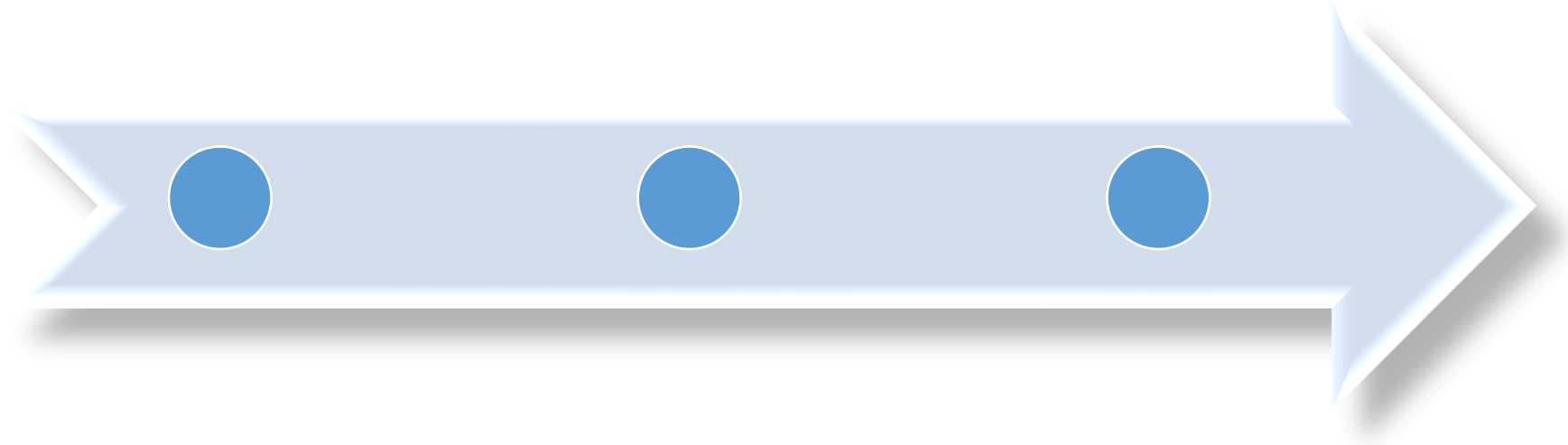
February 2021





The story so far ...

- February 2020 August 2020 February 2020



<https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-system/history-of-the-covid-19-alert-system/>

- **28 February 2020**
- First COVID-19 case reported in New Zealand.
- **14 March 2020**
- The Government announces anyone entering New Zealand must self-isolate for 14 days, except those arriving from the Pacific.
- **19 March 2020**
- All indoor gatherings of more than 100 people are to be cancelled.
- Borders close to all but New Zealand citizens and permanent residents.

- **21 March 2020**
- The Government introduces the 4-tiered Alert Level system to help combat COVID-19. The Prime Minister announces that New Zealand is at Alert Level 2.
- **23 March 2020**
- At 1:30pm the Prime Minister announces New Zealand has moved to Alert Level 3, effective immediately. In 48 hours, New Zealand will move to Alert Level 4.
- **25 March 2020**
- At 11:59pm, New Zealand moves to Alert Level 4, and the entire nation goes into self-isolation. A State of National Emergency is declared at 12:21pm.

- **A State of National Emergency was declared due to COVID-19. It was in force between 12:21pm on 25 March 2020 and 12:21pm on Wednesday 13 May 2020.**

NZNO Involvement



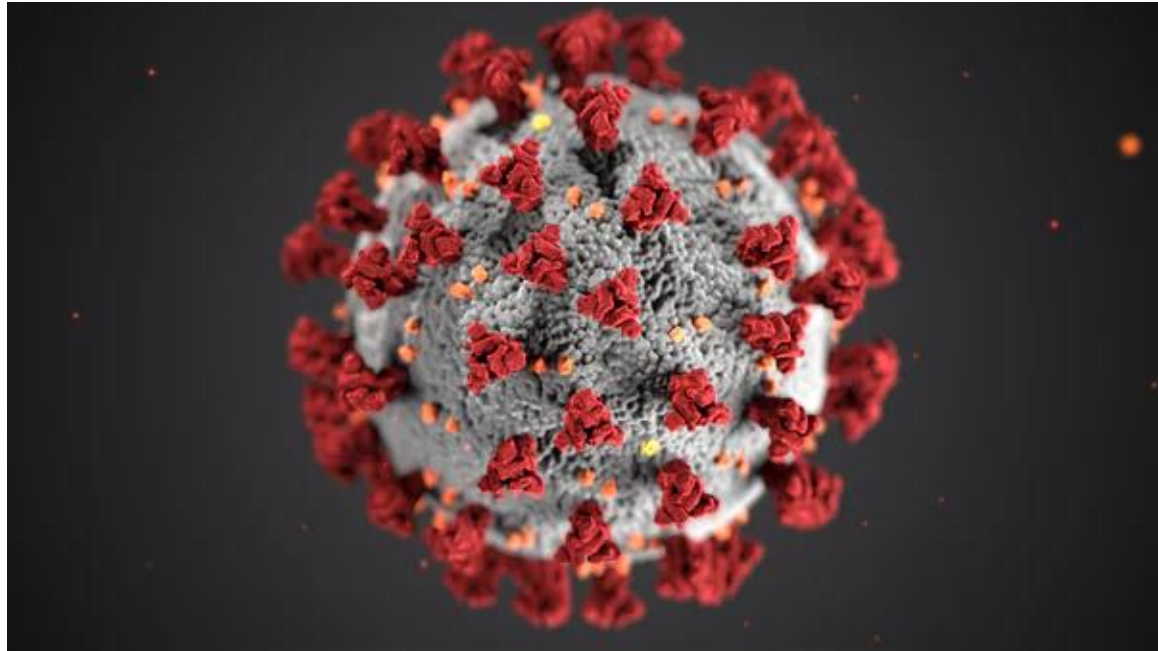
- 20 Union and DHBs – meeting commenced daily from 25 March – 7 days a week during Level 4 initially
- Clinical subgroup of 3 unions NZNO/ APEX- RDA/MERAS started meeting with the MOH Chief Nurse and MOH Advisors daily
- Daily NZNO media briefing and seizing opportunities to highlight member concerns

PPE PPE PPE

Safe rosters Remuneration Accommodation Uniforms



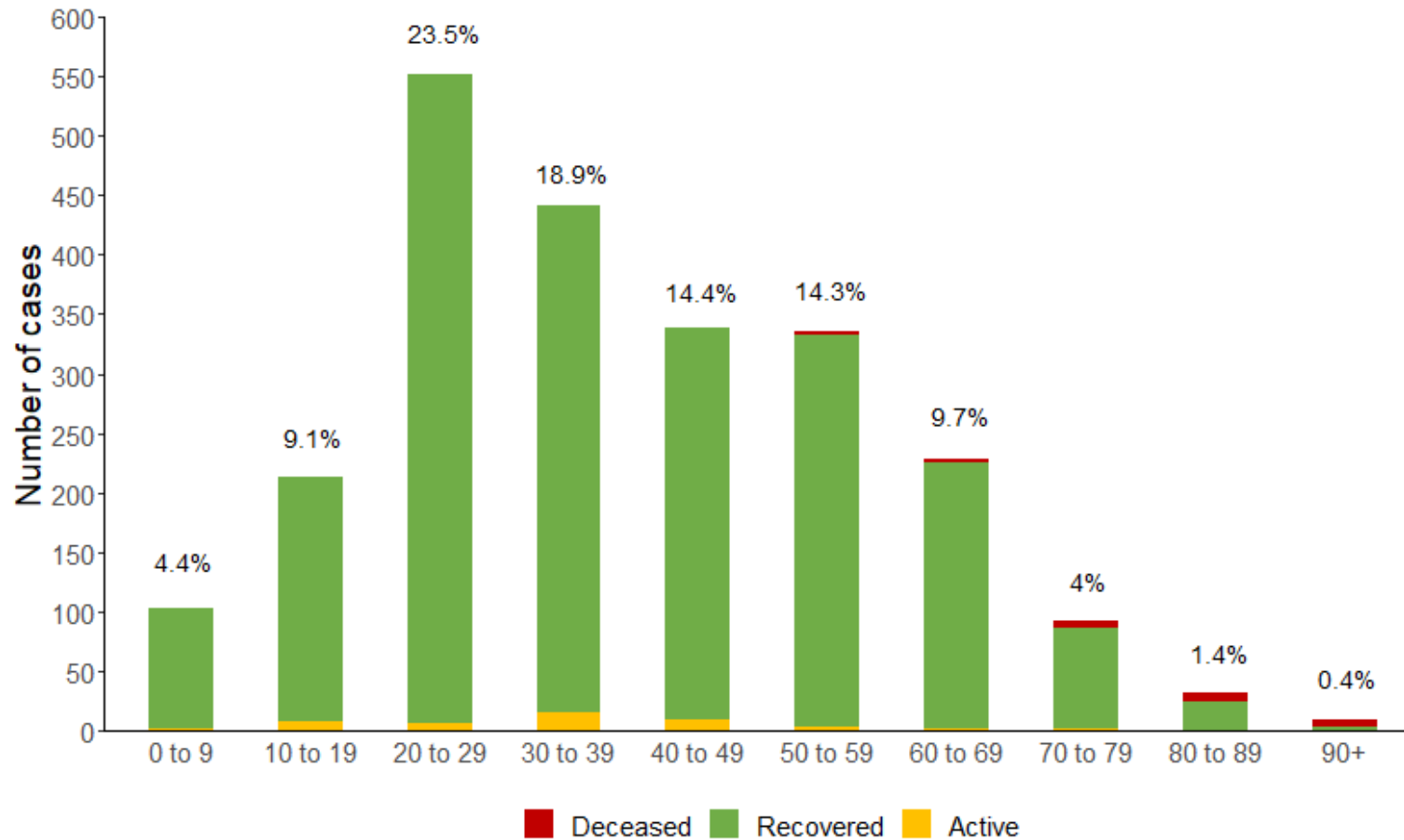
The Heart and the Science





Covid Cases Aotearoa – Source MOH

As at 18 February 2021



What did NZNO do...

- NZNO McGuinness PPE Survey of members
- Contributed to the interviews that informed the Report by the Office of the Auditor General
- Investigation into Aged residential care COVID cases
- Investigations at a local level into COVID management – e.g. the WDHB review
- Meeting with Worksafe to gain acknowledgement of COVID exposure in the workplace as a **workplace hazard (Health & Safety Obligation on employer) – not a clinical event (not reportable to Worksafe)**

27 April 2020

- New Zealand moves to Alert Level 3 at 11:59pm.

4 May 2020

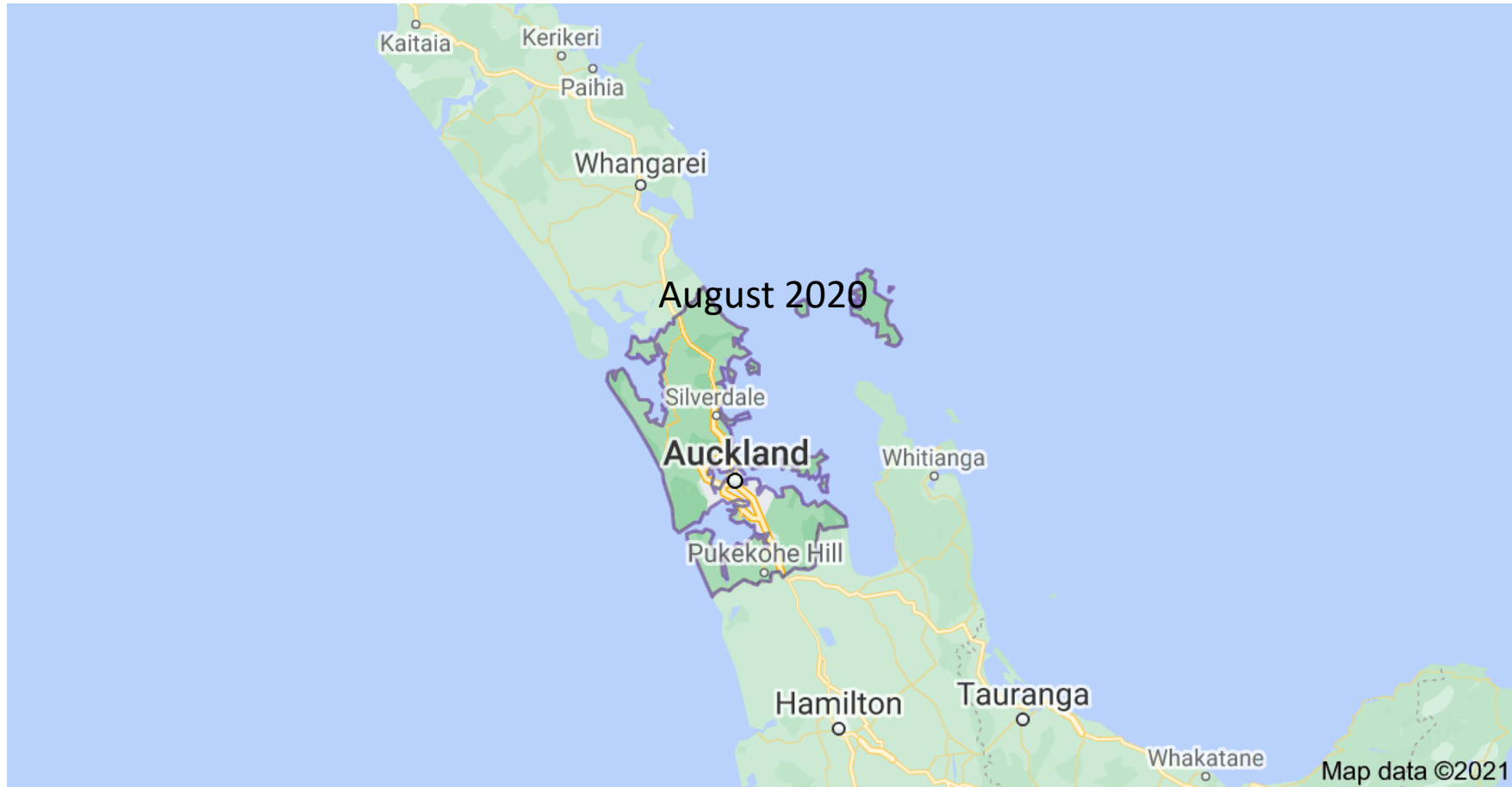
- No new cases of COVID-19 are reported in New Zealand.

11 May 2020

- The Prime Minister outlines the plan to move to Alert Level 2.

- **1 May 2020**
- The Prime Minister outlines the plan to move to Alert Level 2.
- **13 May 2020**
- New Zealand moves to Alert Level 2 at 11:59pm. The State of National Emergency expires at 12:21pm.
- **8 June 2020**
- The Ministry of Health reports that there are no more active cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand. At 11:59pm, New Zealand moves to Alert Level 1.

Lockdown # 2 August 2020
Lockdown #3 February 2021



Map data ©2021

MIQ and MIQ Workforce - Established October 2020



Vaccination Programme

- Vaccinations are now being rolled out to border workers including MIF and MIQ and for those working at sea ports and international airports - authorised vaccinators
- Next phase is household members of the border workers
- High risk frontline health care workers
- Priority to vulnerable in the community - health and equity lens

Support for Vaccination

- Providing **education** about the vaccine, the individual and community benefits of vaccination
- That strategies around the vaccination are **supportive** – that workers can access easily (worksite based where this is possible and appropriate and that there will be provision when people are unwell or needing time out for testing
- An **Expectation** that if the vaccine is offered, that there will be high uptake unless the individual is UNABLE to be vaccinated

So what did we achieve...

- Release of PPE to be more effectively distributed to community and disability services
- Review of effectiveness of locally produced particulate respirator masks as a substitute for N95s
- Working with Worksafe to acknowledge COVID-19 exposure as a workplace hazard
- The review of PPE by the Auditor General Office
- Review of Aged Residential Care Covid-19 preparedness and response
- Strengthened Infection Control measures in MIF and MIQ including N95 mask availability
- Working on pay parity nationally across MIF and MIQ sites
- Working on vaccination roll out plans - for those who are vaccinators and those to be vaccinated

State of play today

NZNO's covid response is ongoing

We are engaged in a number of forums industrially and professionally:

- Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment
- Ministry of Health
- District Health Boards
- Primary Care Sector
- Aged and Residential Care Sector

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Stay home if you are sick
Koinei he whakaahua e whakaahua ana i te tangata e noho ana i te whare. He mea nui ki te kore e haere ki te mahi me te tangata e noho ana i te whare. He mea nui ki te kore e haere ki te mahi me te tangata e noho ana i te whare.

Washing and drying your hands kills the virus
He mea nui ki te kore e haere ki te mahi me te tangata e noho ana i te whare. He mea nui ki te kore e haere ki te mahi me te tangata e noho ana i te whare.

Cough or sneeze into your elbow
He mea nui ki te kore e haere ki te mahi me te tangata e noho ana i te whare. He mea nui ki te kore e haere ki te mahi me te tangata e noho ana i te whare.

Be kind
He mea nui ki te kore e haere ki te mahi me te tangata e noho ana i te whare. He mea nui ki te kore e haere ki te mahi me te tangata e noho ana i te whare.

We've made it this far, together.

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