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Kia ora,

We are all of course waiting for The Prime Minister to announce at 5.30pm today any extensions or changes to the current Covid-19 Alert Levels across the country. Please ensure you stay up to date with the government advice as it is released live and via www.covid19.govt.nz, and be exceptionally familiar with the Guidelines for Podiatrists for Covid-19 available on the PBNZ and PodiatryNZ websites.

The Ministry of Health has updated its [advice on wearing masks](#).

The governments initial response was a fast lockdown in the Auckland Region aimed at breaking the chain of transmission by reducing all unnecessary contact. Podiatrists must take all appropriate measures to manage public health and stop the spread. We therefore ask that all Podiatrists providing urgent care now ensure that both patient and practitioner and any support persons present are wearing masks during consultations. To clarify, this may mean you will be providing masks for urgent care patients you treat, and this requirement will be identified in your careful compulsory screening.

Please continue to use the following email address if you require advice on any Covid-19 related matters. covid19@podiatristsboard.org.nz.

Again, thank you for your continuing hard work, care, and commitment to supporting New Zealanders and keeping us all safe.

Kind regards



Fiona Angus, Chair, Podiatrists Board of New Zealand