

Seafood New Zealand

COVID-19

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Seafood New Zealand is continuing discussions at the highest level with the Ministry for Primary Industries. We will continue to notify you as and when conditions or decisions change.

Guidance for the seafood industry at alert level 4

Seafood New Zealand has updated its seafood industry guide to include new guidance should a staff member (particularly in processing premises) become infected with COVID-19.

While the case itself will be managed by a Ministry of Health representative, the guide includes information to assist with identifying close-work related contacts and dealing with the site, in terms of cleaning and sanitation (see Appendix 2 of the guide).

Any revised or new information is highlighted.

Version three of the guide can be [found here](#).

Please contact cathy.webb@seafood.org.nz if you have any further questions.

Selling seafood online?

Are you selling seafood online? Please let us know so we can promote your business through Seafood New Zealand's social channels.

Forward your details, including delivery areas, to info@seafood.org.nz.

Maritime New Zealand updates #20 & 21

MOSS operators

Revised information for MOSS surveys/inspections during COVID-19 lockdown is now available. This version supersedes the April 6 version. It can be found on the [Maritime NZ website](#).

MOSS operators should direct any queries that they may have to operators@maritimenz.govt.nz.

Information for commercial fishers

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has updated their COVID-19 FAQs on their website. Questions addressed include:

- Can commercial fishers and aquaculture farmers keep operating?
- If everyone that works on my vessel (or farm barge) is in my bubble, do we need to observe social distancing at work?
- What are the rules for crew that are working on my vessel or barge but aren't in my bubble?
- My seafood business has been affected, where can I go for support?
- Are there any rule changes to catch limits because of COVID-19?

View the updated [FAQs here](#).

Border controls

Stricter [border controls have been announced](#) for ALL passengers (including New Zealand citizens and residents) departing after 23:59 New Zealand Time on Thursday 9 April 2020.

People will no longer be able to complete their 14-day isolation period at home. Arrivals assessed as high-risk of COVID-19 will be placed in quarantine facilities, while all other arrivals will be placed in managed isolation facilities.

The following people should seek approval from Immigration NZ using the limited exceptions process before travelling to New Zealand:

- People with one of the following critical purposes in New Zealand:
- Essential health workers
- Other essential workers who are specifically agreed to by the New Zealand Government

Seafarers are considered to be essential workers, but agents arranging any crew changes involving overseas travel are strongly advised to contact Immigration NZ before arrangements are made.

Checking vessels on moorings

On 3 April 2020, the Director General of Health issued [a notice](#) which outlined that people were to stay at home during alert level 4.

The terms of that notice require people to stay at home, with some limited exceptions for essential personal movements.

Owners should not be accessing their vessels in order to relocate, check, or maintain them during alert level 4 restrictions as this would fall outside the scope of the Director General's order.

Maritime New Zealand does not have authority to review or approve requests by vessel owners to travel to areas where their vessels are berthed to check, maintain, or relocate them while the Director General's order is in force.

If you believe that you have compelling reasons to check on your vessel, you should email Travel@ncmc.govt.nz outlining the situation and your safety plan.

We encourage you to keep checking the [Ministry of Health's website](#) for new COVID-19 information.

Maritime pilots

During Easter weekend, Maritime NZ in association with the NZ Maritime Pilots Association, published "[COVID19 – Update for maritime pilots](#)"; a document providing guidance to support New Zealand's Maritime Pilots to carry out their critical functions.

The guide can be found on [Maritime NZ's website](#).

Reminders on information sources:

[Government](#)

[Ministry of Health](#)

[Transport Essential services](#)

[Maritime NZ](#) (Includes email addresses for specific enquiries and a [list of all general exemptions](#) in force)

The MNZ COVID 19 response team is contactable via MNZCovid-19@maritimenz.govt.nz. Please use this email address to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Stay safe – unite against COVID19.

Ngā mihi nui | Kind regards,

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Maritime New Zealand COVID 19 Response Team - **Working from home**

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Key contacts

Subsidies and assistance

The government has implemented a number of support packages for businesses to help get through the COVID-19 crisis, including wage subsidies. Information on support packages for businesses, including wage subsidies can be [found here](#).

The wage subsidy application form can be [found here](#).

Ministry for Primary Industries

Operators looking to register as an essential service or with essential service-related queries must contact MPI directly:

Ph: 0800 00 83 33

Email: info@mpi.govt.nz

Maritime New Zealand

For any maritime questions or concerns, please contact the MNZ COVID-19 response team:

Email: MNZCovid-19@maritimenz.govt.nz

FishServe

FishServe is operating as normal, with a helpline available for all FishServe-related queries. You can also fill out their [online form](#).

Ph: 04 460 9555

Email: helpline@fishserve.co.nz

Seafood New Zealand

The latest COVID-19 updates and resources can be found on Seafood New Zealand's industry website. For further enquiries contact us on:

Ph: 04 385 4005

Email: info@seafood.org.nz



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