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1. Saliva testing update

The Saliva testing prototype has commenced in Canterbury ahead of a wider roll out around the country.

The prototype originally targeted high risk border workers who are on a 7-day testing regime, and gave them the choice of a nasopharyngeal swab once every 14 days instead of 7, with regular saliva testing carried out during the 14-day interval. Workers on a 14-day testing regime are also invited to participate.

The Canterbury region was chosen as it covers a broad range of border workforce personnel and therefore an even wider range of work patterns. Following feedback with the groups who will be involved in the prototype, the approach has been refined to allow saliva testing to take place only when a worker is actually at work. Workers on holiday or those on an extended break in their work cycle, will not need to be tested until they return to work as long as they do a close out nasopharyngeal swab within 7 days of their last attendance at work.

Saliva samples will be collected from workplace drop off points at the workplace with results texted to workers in the same way as nasopharyngeal swabs. An information pack that includes details about the process has just been finalised by the Ministry of Health and is being distributed to border workers covered by the prototype.

We will provide updates on how the prototype is going and keep you up-to-date on progress in future Maritime Industry Updates. If you have any questions or would like to participate please feel free to send these to MNZCovid-19@maritimenz.govt.nz and we will send them on to the Ministry of Health.

The Maritime Industry Update is issued weekly, usually in the second half of the week. However, publication days might change when there is a need to provide a quick update.

If you have any questions about updates, or suggestions for what you would like included, please contact Maritime NZ by emailing MNZCovid-19@maritimenz.govt.nz.

2. Changes to the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Maritime Border) Order (No 2) 2021

There are a number of changes to the Maritime Border Order (MBO) which are now in force, one of which we contacted some of you about last week.

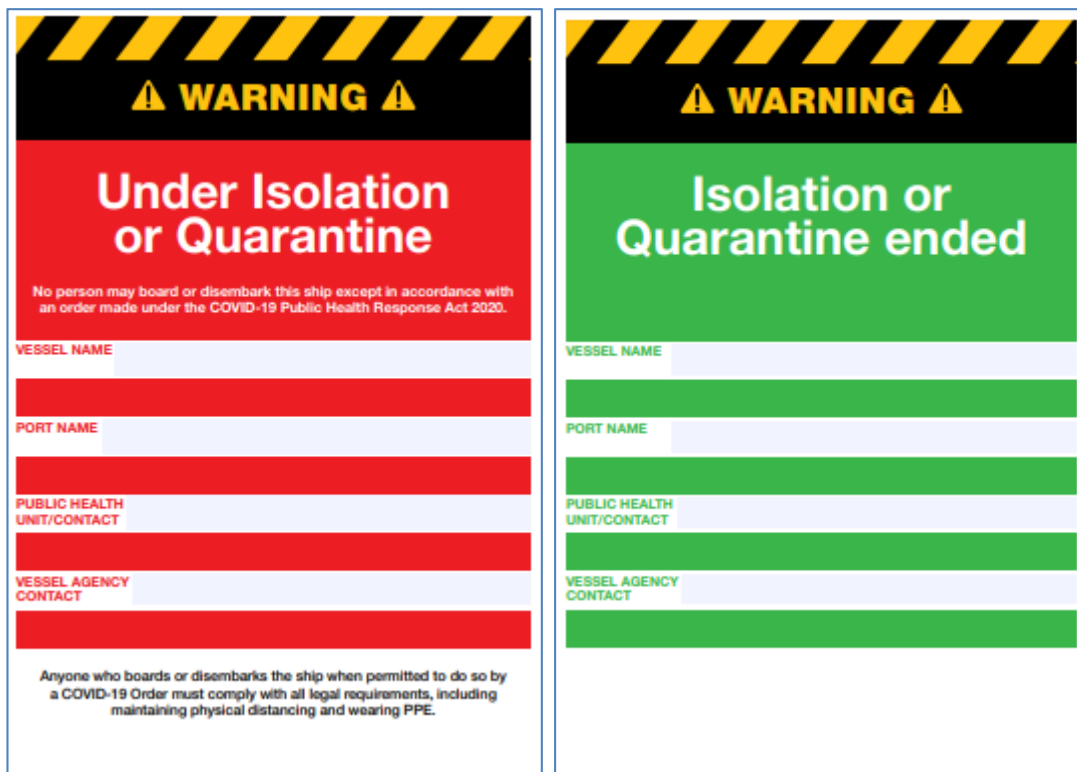
This change related to the display of signage signifying a vessel's quarantine status.

Previously the MBO specified that a ship's master be responsible for arranging the signage that displays a berthed vessel's quarantine status. Under the MBO, this will now be the Port's responsibility from 1pm, 25 June 2021 onwards.

We've included images of the signage below and port representatives will need to ensure the correct sign is clear and visible and secured at the place where the ship is berthed.

We would appreciate it if ports could please supply us with **a name and the contact details** of the person who the PHU (Public Health Unit) can contact when signage requires changing out. This can be sent to MNZCovid-19@maritimenz.govt.nz.

We have attached some guidance on some of the key changes under the updated MBO which also include clarification of the meaning of last contact, changes to the wording around ending isolation or quarantine, and that testing of crew leaving a ship to depart by air is now mandatory.



3. COVID-19 alert level changes and preparedness

As announced by the government on Wednesday, Wellington is at Alert Level 2 through to this Sunday (27 June) when an update on Wellington's COVID status will be provided.

The Ministry of Health's advice on how you and your workers respond to Alert Level changes, as well as a list of locations of interest, can be found [here](#).

Alert Levels 1 and 2 COVID-19 Guidance for Transport Operators was sent out on Wednesday and we've attached it again to the Maritime Industry Update email so you can quickly refer to it. You can also [view it here](#) by scrolling down to the first item under 'Latest guidance'.

You will find information on the [covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz) website relating to the Alert Levels so please take the time to review and ensure your organisation's practices and response to the your Alert Level, are fit for purpose.

4. Vaccination update

The COVID-19 vaccination rollout continues at pace with vaccinations available for the general population from the end of July, while total doses administered now stands at 1,000,000 with more than 325,000 people now fully vaccinated.

If you haven't already, please book your vaccination appointment now to avoid the rush and ensure you and your whānau are protected. Remember, you can be vaccinated at any point – there is no cut off time.

It is easy to book your 'free' vaccine dose and follow up dose by:

- accepting the invitation from your DHB to schedule a vaccination, OR
- registering to receive a vaccination by calling 0800 28 29 26 between 7am and 7pm, and say you are a border worker who needs a vaccination.

For up-to-date information on the vaccine rollout, please check the [Unite Against COVID-19 website](#).

The immunisation programme will protect you, your whānau, friends and the community from contracting Covid-19 and passing it onto family and others.

If you are still unsure about whether it is safe, find out more for yourself by viewing the web resources below:

- [COVID-19 vaccine - Your questions answered.pdf](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccine - Your safety and side effects questions answered.pdf](#)

Please remember, even if you are now vaccinated, you must continue wearing PPE when required and undergo regular testing as well as practice physical distancing where possible and continue to disinfect your hands and sneeze/cough into your elbow.

5. Answering your questions

There are a huge number of stakeholders in the maritime industry and ports' supply chain, and all of you are affected in different ways by COVID-19 and New Zealand's response to it.

If you have questions you would like answered, please email MNZCovid-19@maritimenz.govt.nz by 5pm, Friday each week.

6. Key sources of information

The following links provide you with key sources of information.

For all your questions, and to provide information and make suggestions – email Maritime NZ	MNZCovid-19@maritimenz.govt.nz
Port and maritime guidelines and other information	www.maritimenz.govt.nz – click on the COVID-19 banner on the home page
Official health advice, including testing – Ministry of Health	www.health.govt.nz/
Up-to-date information across the transport sector (land, sea and air) – Ministry of Transport	www.transport.govt.nz/about/covid-19/
All New Zealand COVID-19 legislation	www.pco.govt.nz/covid-19-legislation/
New Zealand’s campaign to stamp out COVID-19	www.covid19.govt.nz
Information for businesses operating under alert levels	www.business.govt.nz/covid-19/operating-at-alert-levels/
Wage Subsidy Scheme information	www.workandincome.govt.nz/covid-19/resurgence-wage-subsidy/index.html
Managed Isolation and Quarantine	www.miq.govt.nz/

Stamp it out



Practise good hygiene →

Wash your hands with soap. Cough or sneeze into your elbow. Clean surfaces.



Keep track of where you've been →

If COVID-19 reappears, help our health services reach people quickly to stop any further spread.



Stay home if you're sick →

If you have cold or flu symptoms, you should stay home and call your doctor or Healthline.