

NZ Safety Alert

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Let's work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe

COVID-19 Keep up the good work

A few days of zero cases is a good start towards eliminating the virus but concern for undetected community transmission remains.

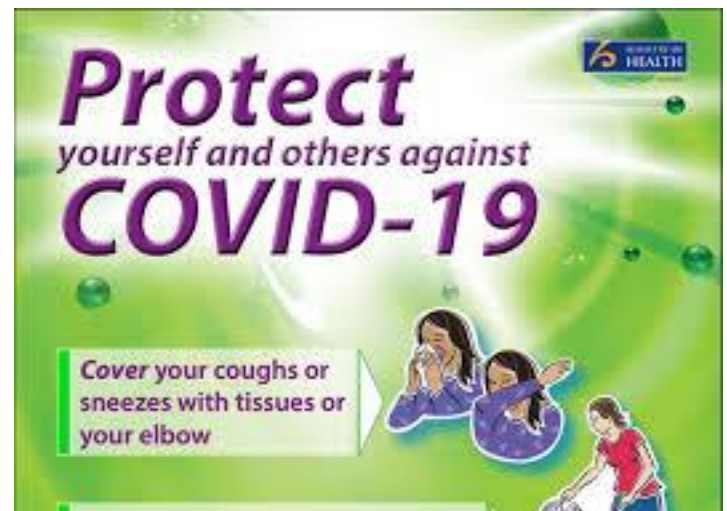
A key message from the Ministry of Health continues to be; if you have any cold or flulike symptoms, however mild, stay at home and get tested quickly. People delaying getting tested means a tougher job stamping out cases of COVID-19 if the spread of the virus has been occurring for longer.

The 5th of May was World Hand Hygiene Day with a campaign theme of **SAVE LIVES: CLEAN YOUR HANDS**. With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, every day should be World Hand Hygiene Day. It is an important reminder that the simple action of washing your hands can prevent passing on any infection to others.

So please wash your hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with soap and water while singing Happy Birthday twice.

Contact MinEx if you need any assistance or please refer to the Government website:

<https://covid19.govt.nz/>



You need to ensure that:

1. You have an effective COVID Management Plan (CMP) in place at your site/s.
2. Your CMP covers all of the issues listed in WorkSafe's assessment tool available on the [MinEx website](#).
3. You use good hygiene, regularly wash and thoroughly dry your hands, and use good cough etiquette.

Know of an incident or near miss? Please share the learnings with us.