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CHANGE TO SOUTHERN COVID-19 BORDER

The following points are the key points from Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) and Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency advice received in the past 12 hours, regarding Auckland's move to Level 3 at 11.59pm tonight and the Director General of Health issuing a Section 70 notice relating to Upper Hauraki, as announced yesterday.

The existing checkpoint at Mangatāwhiri on State Highway 2 will be relocated further east to encompass the North Waikato area. The additional checkpoint locations are:

- Mangatangi Rd (immediately east of Mangatawhiri Rd)
- Monument Rd (immediately north of SH2)
- Miranda Rd / East Coast Rd Intersection

These changes have been made under section 70 of the Health Act 1956, which you can find [here](#).



- There should be no difference to the movement of freight despite the relocation of the checkpoint; all current requirements (evidence of having had a test, Business Travel Documents, etc.) still apply and heavy freight will be waved through (apart from the odd spot check) as it is now. All other checkpoints (SH1 Mercer etc.) will remain as they are. Police will be doing their best to ensure that the layout of checkpoints does not disrupt the flow of traffic.

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- Since 19 September, 1,656 heavy vehicles have been stopped and 125 of them have been turned around attempting to leave Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland. This is a compliance rate of 92.5%, which is a significant improvement from a compliance rate of 85.5% on the first day of compliance checking on 17 September.

Here are a few reminders to reinforce with your staff/members/colleagues:

- Sign up for saliva testing continues to be available. Workers can do this directly with Asia Pacific Healthcare Group (APHG), or with their employer [here](#).
- Swab testing is also available via GPs, after hours clinics and community testing centres. For a list of testing locations go to [Healthpoint](#).
- Sites for the pickup of saliva testing kits, and collection points for saliva samples at Waitomo Bombay and Te Hana remain in place. Other locations where saliva testing kits can be collected and dropped off can be found [here](#).
- Documents required to be shown to police if stopped at a checkpoint are:
 - proof of ID
 - evidence of permitted travel
 - proof of test, or proof of exemption for testing.

It's really important that permitted workers *get tested before they commence their travel across the boundary*. The sites at Waitomo Bombay and Te Hana are primarily for collection of saliva testing kits and to drop off samples, and the pop-up site that was set up Mercer on 17 September is no longer available.

By getting tested and having proof of test available prior to travelling across the boundary, workers will minimise delays and ensure they will not be turned around by police at checkpoints. Further information can be found here: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

We are awaiting the new Public Health Order relating to Auckland's move to Level 3, as well as further advice from the Ministry of Transport, which we will distribute as it becomes available.

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