

# Coroners Court: COVID-19 Protocol

**Chief Coroner Deborah Marshall**

25 March 2020

## Under Alert Level 4

1. New Zealand is at COVID-19 Alert Level 4 as of 11:59 pm 25 March 2020.
2. Over 90 percent of the work in the Coroners Court is done in chambers. That is, there is no public court hearing. This includes written findings. This work will continue as normal.
3. All coronial hearings have been cancelled until further notice.
4. Preparations for inquests will continue by way of teleconferences, exchange of documents and audio-visual links if necessary.
5. During the continuation of Alert Level 4, all filing of court documents is to be by email. If a party does not have the ability to file electronically, mail will still be periodically checked. However, because of hygiene requirements there will be a delay in processing documents received by post.
6. No documents will be received for filing in person at court registries.

### **Filing addresses**

All electronic filing, or any urgent matters, should be sent to the case manager or to: [OfficeoftheChiefCoroner@justice.govt.nz](mailto:OfficeoftheChiefCoroner@justice.govt.nz).

All mail should be sent to your regional Coronial Services office.