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# Presentation to IOSH Chiltern

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## What was New Zealand's COVID-19 Experience?

June 2020

**Unite  
against  
COVID-19**

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New Zealand Government



## Discussion

- COVID-19 in New Zealand – How it happened
- What did we do?
  - *Leadership*
    - *Government*
    - *Health and Safety Sector*
- The future of the Health and Safety Profession

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# Key New Zealand Data

- First confirmed case 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 20 – linked to overseas travel
- Borders closed to non-New Zealand residents 19<sup>th</sup> March 20
- 21<sup>st</sup> March - 4-tiered alert system announced
  - Straight in at level 2 and within 3 days we were at level 3 and then straight into level 4.
- Lockdown Period
  - Level 4 – 25<sup>th</sup> March 20
  - Moved to level 1 – 09<sup>th</sup> June 20

# Key New Zealand Data



- First death March 29<sup>th</sup> total deaths to date – 22
- Confirmed Cases – 1156
- Testing – 300,000

## Daily change

New cases ▾



New Zealand ▾

All time ▾

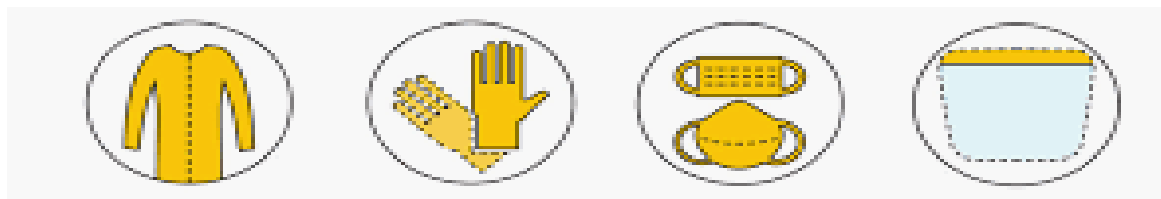


# What we did



- Alert Levels (1 – 4)
- Lockdown
- Physical Distancing
- Contact Tracing
- PPE / Hygiene
- Testing
- Communication

<b>Level 1 - Prepare</b> Disease is contained	<b>Level 2 - Reduce</b> Disease is contained, but risks of community transmission growing
<b>Level 3 - Restrict</b> Heightened risk that disease is not contained	<b>Level 4 - Eliminate</b> Likely that disease is not contained

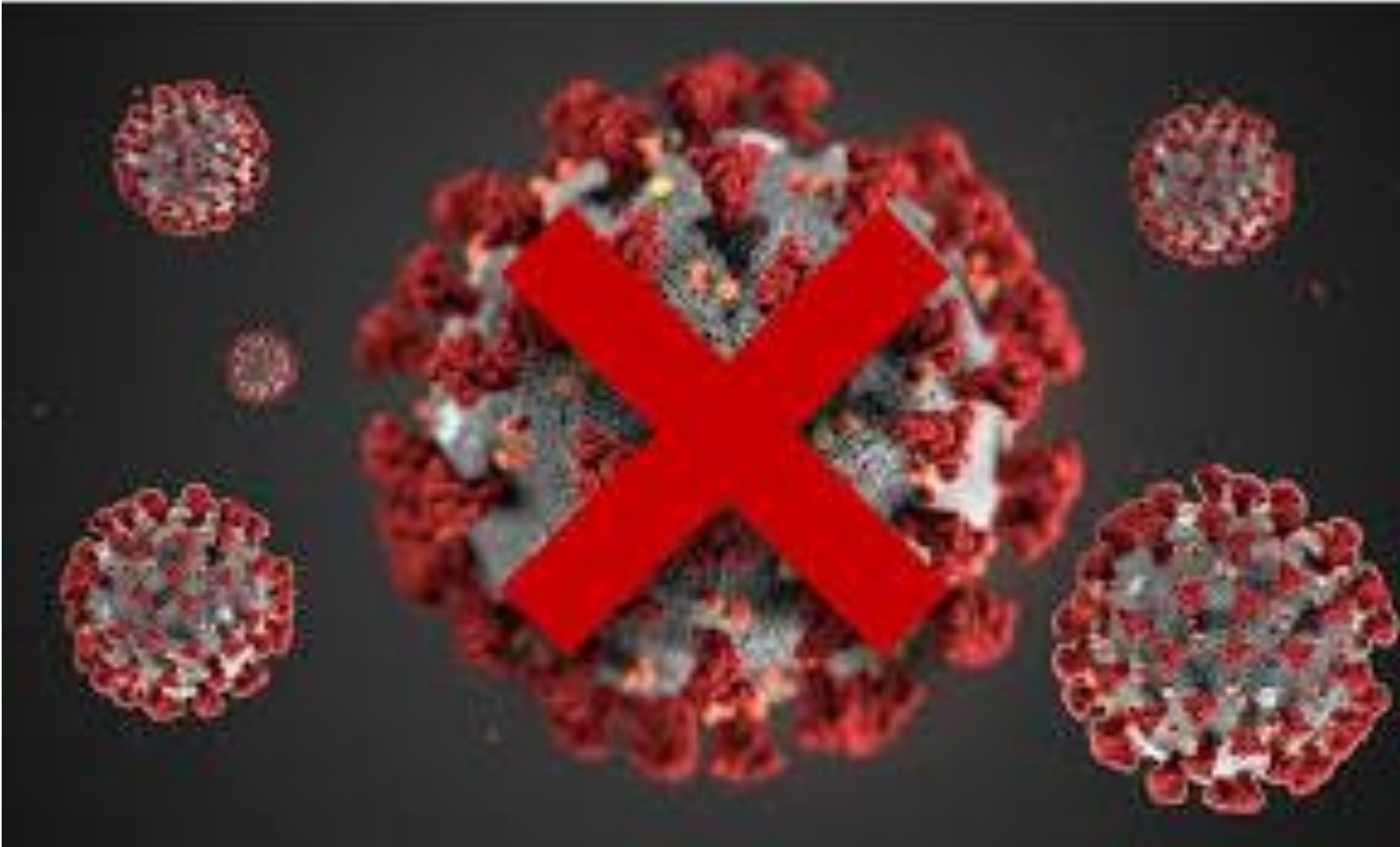


# What we did

- Introduced the concept of bubbles



# ELIMINATION – 8<sup>th</sup> June





# Leadership - Government

- The PM and the Director General of Health
- State of National Emergency
- Created one source of truth
- Daily Briefing (shared good news and bad)
- Empathy
- Consistent / repetitive messaging

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20 minutes ago Mark Quinlivan



We can all  
slow the  
spread



# Empathetic Leadership

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# Leadership – Health and Safety Profession



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- Regulator – not a lead agency in this situation.
- Health and Safety Industry messaging
  - Don't forget BAU Risks
  - Checking plant, equipment and machinery before you return to work
  - Mental Health / Anxiety
  - COVID Controls – do they create other risks?
- Hygienists / Ergonomists / Occ Health Nurses / GP's

# Leadership – Health and Safety Profession



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- Industry health and safety bodies (COVID specific plans)
  - Planning before workers return
  - Site Entry
  - Doing work
  - Leaving the site



# What Happened

- Economy
- Tourism
- Construction
- Hospitality
- Events
- Retail



BUSINESS

PREMIUM

## New Zealand's economy among the worst hit by Covid-19 in OECD, new report warns

11 Jun, 2020 6:00pm

5 minutes to read



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# QUESTIONS