

Auckland City Centre Resident's Group

COVID-19 INFO AND MESSAGE TO CITY CENTRE RESIDENTS

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We are all sharing a very challenging new experience caused by the Coronavirus and it will require all of us to be considerate, careful, and caring.

Living in an apartment building makes us much closer to others - that is both good & potentially not so good. Good, because people and neighbours are usually nearby when help is needed, and not so good because of the proximity to others.

The most important thing we can do is to **WASH OUR HANDS WITH SOAP REGULARLY AND FOR A MINIMUM OF 20 SECONDS.**

Another small thing is to make sure when we open doors, use lifts or handrails, shopping trolleys etc., use a tissue/paper towel that can be disposed of readily.

Remember that wet wipes might be good, but they are not good for our environment – do **NOT** flush them down your toilet unless you want to help block sewage pipes.

The really good news is that we will be able to walk around our city centre in relative peace and quiet breathing in wonderful clean air, when we are going on essential trips.

And another positive is that this provides us with the all the evidence we need to demonstrate that it is vehicles – cars, buses, trucks, planes and ships, that create our air pollution, so having less of these needs to be our primary objective for our future city centre.

In the meantime, the four links below provide us all with all the information we need to get through this crisis.

Ministry of Health

Unite Against Covid19!

Auckland Council's COVID-19 response

COVID-19: Essential Services in the city centre to remain open (Heart of the City)

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An important lesson from Italy's experience of the pandemic is the crucial importance of collaboration between citizens and official institutions.

The Italian government has locked down public life, forced millions of people into a de facto quarantine and faced unknown economic costs, because this is the only effective prescription to stem – and ultimately defeat – the virus.

But for that to be successful, it is necessary for every individual citizen to play their part responsibly. Since we are a democracy, there is a constitutional limit to the obligations that can be imposed on citizens.

Hence the importance of personal responsibility.

It is vital for everyone to understand the importance of the limitations they accept, and to participate consciously in their application, so that the result is the one desired: defeating the virus and returning to normality

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