

MEDIA STATEMENT

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McDonald's restaurants to close Wednesday 25th March

In adherence with the government's Covid-19 alert level 4 restrictions, by midnight tomorrow (Wednesday 25th March) all McDonald's restaurants around New Zealand will be closed.

Rolling closures across our 170 restaurants begin on Tuesday evening, with all restaurants and services, including McDelivery and Drive-Thru, suspended from 8pm Wednesday 25th March and all staff offsite before midnight.

"Like everyone, we play a role in stopping the spread of COVID-19 and nothing is more important than keeping our crew, customers and communities safe and well," says Dave Howse, McDonald's New Zealand managing director.

Where possible, perishable food that can be donated is being gifted to local food banks and charities.

We will be following Government developments and advice closely and as soon as it is safe to we'll be back to serving our 1.5 million Kiwi customers each week.

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About McDonald's New Zealand

New Zealand's first McDonald's restaurant opened in Porirua in 1976. Today there are 170 McDonald's restaurants across New Zealand, 85 per cent of which are owned and operated by local business men and women. The organisation employs over 10,000 people in restaurants nationwide, and is one of New Zealand's largest employers of youth. In 2018 McDonald's spent more than \$170 million with local suppliers, while New Zealand producers exported \$171 million of food to other McDonald's markets around the world. McDonald's is the primary supporter of Ronald McDonald House Charities New Zealand, who keep families close while their children are in hospital.

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