

AMENDMENT TO AND EXTENSION OF SECTION 70(1)(e), (ea) and (f) ORDERS

On 24 March 2020, the Prime Minister, with agreement of the Minister of Health, issued an epidemic notice under s 5 of the Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006.

The epidemic notice allows the use of special powers by the Medical Officer of Health in accordance with s 70 of the Health Act 1956 for the purpose of preventing the outbreak and spread of COVID-19.

A state of national emergency was declared under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002, with effect from 12:21pm 25 March 2020. It has been extended three times (on 1 April 2020, 8 April 2020 and 15 April 2020).

On 9 April 2020, I, Dr Ashley Bloomfield, Director-General of Health, acting as medical officer of health for all districts of New Zealand (that is, nationally), with the authority of the Minister of Health and/or in circumstances where a state of emergency has been declared under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 and/or there being an epidemic notice in force, made an order pursuant to s 70(1)(e), (ea) and (f) of the Health Act 1956 (the 9 April Order).

I now make two amendments to the 9 April Order.

Extension of 9 April Order

The 9 April 2020 Order is amended by replacing “expires on 11.59pm on 22 April 2020” with “expires on 11.59pm on 11 May 2020”.

Extension to Essential Personal Movement

The 9 April 2020 Order is amended by:

- adding, after clause 6:

excluded arrival means –

- a. aircraft pilots, flight crew members, maritime crew members (immediately transferring to a vessel), and medical attendants assisting with medical air transfers; and

Period of this Order

This order has effect from 1800 hours on 21 April 2020 and remains in force until 11 May 2020.

Dated 21 April 2020



Dr Ashley Bloomfield
Director-General of Health