

COVID 19 UPDATE – ESSENTIAL SERVICES

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Hello everyone,

Earlier this week we sent out a note from our chair about essential services and the Flooring Industries role during this lockdown period. We have had a couple of queries from some in our sector who supply product to the aged care and those facilities which would be classed as essential. We have therefore sought further clarification from Ministry of Innovation and Employment (MBIE) on this.

Their response is outlined below:

As part of the supply chain for aged care facilities and hospitals, a flooring business may continue to supply those critical products and services **to essential businesses only if required from them, during Alert Level 4**. If your business supplies to both essential and non-essential businesses, you must only continue to supply those which are considered essential.

You may continue to operate, as long as it is done in a way that limits the transmission of COVID-19 by taking the following measures:

- minimise, or eliminate if possible, physical interactions amongst staff and with and between customers,
- ensure appropriate health, hygiene and safety measures are in place,
- restrict activity to only what is essential during the Alert 4 period.

MBIE will not be providing formal accreditation to essential businesses or their employees. Employees required to travel to undertake essential work are allowed to do so, but if needed, they are happy for employees to reference this advice.

If you are already providing services to aged care facilities or hospitals the MBIE response should clarify the position for you. Stay safe and together we will navigate our way through this period.

Regards

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