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Tēnā Koe {firstname}

The PSA talked with MBIE who are keen to do the right thing by staff. Anyone returning to NZ and needs to be in quarantine will continue to be paid.

We're keen to hear from you about other ways MBIE can provide support for members. Specifically, members working in Immigration at the Border (international/domestic airports) or offshore.

It's important that MBIE border staff or those travelling for work overseas to affected areas are fully aware of the risks and what they need to do to protect themselves. See below for information from the Ministry of Health. This information should be provided by MBIE to all staff, especially staff at the border or offshore in affected areas. If this hasn't occurred please let us know.

### Important Message from the Ministry of Health

If you get **sick** within a **month** of arriving in New Zealand, please seek **medical advice** as soon as you can.

Telephone the **free** healthline **0800611116** or contact a doctor.

It is **important** to tell them that you have been **outside New Zealand** recently.

Tell the health professional if you have a **temperature of 38°C or higher** and **one or more** of the **following symptoms** :

- difficulty breathing
- ongoing coughing
- ongoing diarrhoea
- skin rash
- bruising or bleeding without injury
- looking obviously unwell
- confusion

### Ministry of Health Update

*"Border health protection aims to limit and respond to the international spread of diseases and other public health threats. Protection measures seek to prevent harm to human health, including the health and wellbeing of international travellers, aircraft and ship crew, and the general public.*

*The Ministry of Health leads this work. Regional health authorities work with*

Your PSA member number is **{membertext}**

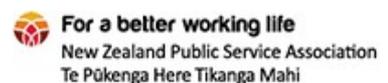
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*other agencies with border control responsibilities, including security, customs, biosecurity, maritime and aviation transport, animal health, policing and immigration responsibilities.*

*While border health protection measures seek to protect the New Zealand public, it is important to recognise that New Zealand is part of the global community. We are committed to contributing to a collaborative and joint response with other countries.”*

Please contact Ministry of Health on the free healthline 0800611116 or contact a doctor if you have any concerns for you or your family members.

Talk to your delegate or ring the PSA Organising Centre on 050836772 if have any queries.

Naku noa na

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