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Rhys Jones Fire and Emergency New Zealand

Dear Rhys,

I am writing to thank you for your support during the COVID19 response.

As you know, from February we have had several members of your team be part of the National Health Coordination Centre, and this support has proved invaluable as we have worked through this novel situation, responding to changing requirements and ensuring a constant focus on the health of New Zealanders.

Having expertise and skills from different industries has provided a richness in our approach and I wanted to personally thank you for your willingness in releasing personnel to be part of this.

As we transition away from the National Health Coordination Centre, many of these people are now returning to their home organisations.

Please accept a heartfelt thanks from the Ministry of Health for your organisation's support; we couldn't have achieved what we have without your contribution.

Ngā mihi

Dr Ashley Bloomfield

Director General of Health

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