

## **Jackson Russell COVID-19 update – Open for business but working remotely**

You will be aware that the New Zealand Government has moved the country to Alert Level 2 and seems likely to soon move to a higher level to try to halt the spread of COVID-19. All businesses have been asked to work remotely where possible. To safeguard our people, our clients and our communities we have asked our staff to work from home from today.

While our offices are closed for the time being, we are fully open for business. We have robust systems and are able to work anywhere. We want you to know that the health and well-being of our people and our clients, and supporting our clients' needs with the same high levels of service are at the forefront of how we are managing our business. And no matter what happens with the outbreak and the measures put in place to prevent the spread, we will be here to help you.

You can get in touch with your usual Jackson Russell contact in the usual ways. Office phones have been redirected to mobile numbers. We are using video conferencing and other technologies to ensure that the level and quality of support you receive will remain unchanged. If you need to meet with us in person please let us know and we will make arrangements while we are able to do so.

### **Advice on how to respond to COVID-19**

The impact of COVID-19 in NZ has been fast-moving. Our specialists have been advising clients on responding to COVID-19 related issues for a number of weeks. This has included employment, contract and supply chain, franchising, privacy and leasing. Over the coming days we will be sharing insights to help our business clients to respond.

### **Please keep in touch**

We know you are working through similar challenges to ours and we thank you for your ongoing support through these uncertain times. If you would like to discuss any of the information above or if you need help and support in relation to COVID 19, please reach out to your regular Jackson Russell contact. Our specialists are here to help.

We send our best wishes to you all, and to your teams and families. Stay safe.