

Update New Zealand 07-18-22

Things are still moving in the right direction in New Zealand. This week I had the opportunity to sit down with our team. I want to share that with you today and let you know what we're thinking is going to be happening here in the next few months. There's lots of great information for you today. Good morning, New Zealand chiropractors and allied health professionals. My name is Bharon Hoag. I am the Executive Director of The Chiropractic Defense Council coming to you today, Monday, July 18th, 2022 for your weekly update. I had an opportunity to sit down with our legal team and our other representatives throughout New Zealand to really see where we're at with some of the cases that we're currently working on, as well as what we're projecting to happen in the future. And I know there's new rhetoric in New Zealand. I know that there's starting new rhetoric around the rest of the country.

We're heading into the tail end of the year and there are aspirations of new policies and mask-wearing and things like that. I don't know how many times they're going to beat that drum. But I will tell you still to this day they're not pushing anything, we're seeing them back off of the claims against some of these individuals. We're seeing a little bit of effort on the licensing boards. They're kind of being a little sticky, but it's nothing that we haven't been able to navigate and handle. The team's been doing a fantastic job dealing with that. It's just interesting to me how the Prime is still pushing the buttons that she's pushing. Even though there's zero evidence to support it, I just need you to know that we're still really rallying with the other specialties, other factions throughout New Zealand, that we do see an uproar from the general public.

We're seeing more and more open letters to the government. So I don't know if this is kind of their last-ditch effort that they're just pulling, trying to see what's happening, but the good news is we're not seeing any more complaints. We're not seeing any more harassment of any of our providers and those that they did initially do, we're starting to see them back off of that. So, very interesting to watch this all play out, but the bottom line is this. We want you to continue to push forward, continue to practice, and continue to do your thing. And we have your back, just stay connected with us. We'll be there if you need us, but we're starting to see that that's not happening. They're moving on to different topics and different issues. If there are new requirements of masks or different things like that, then we'll dig in just like we always have.

But I don't want you to move forward in fear. We want you to move forward in belief and knowing that you have some support. And at the end of the day, what matters is that we're servicing the communities that we're living in, in a true consistency with our belief system. And we're able to speak that without any fear. And so I want to give you that confidence to do that this week as we continue to monitor things that are happening. So I wish I could give you more tangible, poignant things, but it's just such a fluid situation in New Zealand right now. And all we're doing is reacting a little bit. We do want to get proactive. The issue is it's a bit difficult to do that in New Zealand because, of the way

That government is constructed. But we are putting that team together. We do have our allies and we'll move when we need to move. When it is when that seems like the most appropriate

behavior. So listen, we love you. We appreciate you. You guys have been through the wringer the last couple of years, but now is our time to stand up and take your freedoms to stand up, and rally together. I am going to ask you that we need to grow. I'd love to get more people into our tribe. So if you have colleagues that you know are fearful, please send them our way. Our goal is to get, you know, a few, you know, right now we're right under 200 people in New Zealand that are tied to us. Love to get to that 500 mark. I know there are people out there that are kind of floundering in the wind. We'd love to have them under our umbrella. One that gives us the resources, but more importantly, it gives us the ability to represent more people when we do make moves. So any help you can give us in that regard, bring people into the fold and let them know that there's a place for them. So we love you. We appreciate you having an amazing week this week and I'll be back with you next Monday. God bless you.

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