



## Bulletin – Tertiary Provider and International Bulletin

4<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

### COVID-19 UPDATE

#### Alert Level status

The government has announced that the current Alert Level 2 settings will remain in place. These are;

- Auckland will remain at Alert L2, with extra restrictions on social gatherings, funerals and tangihanga
- The **rest of New Zealand** will remain at Alert Level 2.
- Face coverings will be mandatory on public transport at Alert Level 2 and above

These settings will be reviewed on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020**, with any changes in Alert levels taking effect at **11.59pm on Wednesday 16th September 2020**.

You will be familiar with guidance for tertiary education organisations (TEOs) on how to operate under different Alert Levels. This guidance can be [found here](#).

The number one priority remains the welfare of staff and students, and ensuring that they remain safe and well during this time. The Ministry of Health website contains a useful range of mental health and wellbeing resources your staff might need for themselves or to assist students, they can be found [here](#).

While the country remains at Alert Level 2, we want to re-iterate the guidance for student accommodation.

- **Student accommodation**, such as hostels and halls of residence, are open to all students, but should operate in line with [public health control measures for TEOs at Level 2](#), with strict hygiene and cleaning protocols in place.
- **Record keeping to enable contact tracing** of all residents, staff, and visitors who go onsite at a residential accommodation facility is critical. As part of this contact tracing system, TEOs are required to display the official NZ COVID Tracer QR code posters in a prominent place at or near the main entrances. Different QR code posters can be generated and placed outside separated areas within the accommodation facilities to allow more accurate contact tracing.
- **Maintaining ‘bubbles’ is not required**, including within student accommodation, and **shared kitchens and communal areas** can remain open.



- **Social events with external visitors** should not be held within student accommodation at Level 2, though small social events involving other residents are ok.
- A small number of **family or close friends may visit**, but TEOs should manage this to ensure these visits do not turn into a large social event.
- **Student counselling & health services** are allowed to operate face-to-face, provided public health control measures related to that type of business are met.

Further advice on Alert Level 2 can be found [here](#).

**Things change quickly so stay up to date by following the links below:**

For health advice, please refer to the Ministry of Health's website.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

For cross-agency information about COVID-19, including what support is available, health advice, and travel restrictions visit the All-of-Government website <https://www.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/>

For resources in Te Reo Māori, visit <https://covid19.govt.nz/updates-and-resources/translations/te-reo-maori/>

For information to support Pacific communities, visit <https://www.facebook.com/MinistryforPacificPeoples/>

For resources in [sign language and easy read formats](#).

To keep updated on travel restrictions and visa information visit <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/media-centre/news-notifications/coronavirus-update-inz-response>

For additional advice for tertiary providers/whare wānanga visit the Ministry of Education website <http://www.education.govt.nz/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-3/>

