



## Bulletin – Tertiary Provider Bulletin

12<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

### COVID-19

This bulletin provides updates on:

- Prime Minister's announcement on moving to Alert Level 2
- Wellbeing for staff and students

#### Moving to Alert Level 2

The government has announced that New Zealand will move out of Alert Level 3, at 11.59pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. We will move into Alert Level 2 on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May. [Information about the four level alert system is here.](#)

Under Alert Level 2, all on-site activities at tertiary education facilities can resume i.e. classes, lectures, labs, workshops, tutorials, noho, and meetings. However strict public health control measures need to be in place before you can open.

For more detail about what these public health measures mean for TEOs, along with more detailed FAQs, visit [public health control measures for TEO's at Alert Level 2.](#)

You can choose to take a phased approach to resuming activities on-site to allow time to put the required public health control measures in place. For example, you could continue with online delivery for a few weeks and phase in face to face learning, when you are ready.

TEOs will need to keep in close contact with staff and students about which specific facilities and activities will be reopening, and when.

On Monday, the government asked that 'gatherings' be limited to 10 people initially. The government will look at these remaining restrictions again in two weeks' time and if the numbers continue to look good the number of people at a social event, will grow.

As outlined in our detailed guidelines for TEOs, workplaces, educational facilities, and public and school transport are not considered gatherings. This means there are no restrictions on the



number of students and staff on-site at a tertiary education facility, other than what normal health and safety principles would permit. TEOs should manage capacity of lectures, etc. to enable one metre physical distancing, where possible.

However, gatherings that are not directly education-related, such as speaking events open to the public, cultural events, social events, etc. should be limited to a maximum of 10 attendees and should follow [public health control measures that apply to gatherings](#).

### **Wellbeing for staff and students**

We acknowledge that recent times have seen increased pressure and stress on staff and students. You have been asked to make changes in your lives that will be affecting how you work, how you relate to others and what you can and can't do. We thank you for your dedication during this difficult time.

As tertiary education facilities start welcoming people back to campus, we still need to prioritise the wellbeing of staff and students as they return to classes, lectures, labs, workshops, noho and meetings.

As well as resources on the [COVID19 website](#), there is lots of useful information online at the [Mental Health Foundation](#) and [NauMai](#) that can be shared with students and staff.

### **Things change quickly so stay up to date:**

For health advice, refer to the Ministry of Health's website <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

For official Government information about COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), including health advice and travel restrictions visit the All-of-Government website <https://www.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/>

For more advice for students, visit the Ministry of Education website <http://www.education.govt.nz/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-3/>