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COVID-19 Alert Levels

Auckland Alert Level setting

Auckland continues to be at Alert Level 3, Step 1. This will be reviewed by Cabinet on Monday 1 November. More information on [Alert Level 3](#) is available on the Unite Against COVID-19 website.

Our detailed guidance for tertiary education providers remains current and unchanged. It can be found on our [website](#).

Waikato areas Alert Level setting

Yesterday, Cabinet reviewed the Alert Level 3 settings that apply to the Waikato Alert Level 3 areas (Raglan, Te Kauwhata, Huntly, Ngāruawāhia, Hamilton Waitomo District, including Te Kuiti, Waipa District, Ōtorohanga District, Hamilton City and some surrounding areas). The parts of Waikato that have been in Alert Level 3 will remain at that alert level till Wednesday, 27 October, with these settings to be reviewed on that day. For general Alert Level advice for those in an area of the Waikato at Alert Level 3, please see the Unite Against COVID-19 website [here](#).

The rest of New Zealand outside of the affected Waikato areas and Auckland region is currently at Alert Level 2.

You may have also seen the [news from the Ministry of Health](#) this afternoon about two cases in Northland. Any updates from the Government will be put up on the [Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](#)

Overview of COVID-19 protection framework

Today, the Prime Minister announced the new “COVID-19 Protection Framework”. The Framework will replace the Alert Level system once 90% of eligible New Zealanders are fully vaccinated (and due to the different circumstances in Auckland, it will be considered separately from other regions). The Framework represents a new approach to managing COVID-19 facilitated by high COVID-19 vaccination rates.

Details of the framework are available on the [Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](#) website. More information will be released in mid-November.



The COVID-19 Protection Framework introduces a new flexible 3-level approach to managing COVID-19 in the community:

- Green
- Orange
- Red

COVID-19 protection framework: Working with you

At each level, there are high-level requirements for different types of organisation or setting, including tertiary education.

Over the coming weeks we will work closely with the sector peak bodies to develop the detail of the framework for the tertiary sector, and provide high level guidance to assist TEOs on operating within the new COVID-19 Protection Framework. In the meantime, you can continue to use our detailed [Guidelines for Tertiary Education Organisations](#).

Tertiary education provision at Green, Orange and Red levels

At Green, there are some COVID-19 cases in the community, and sporadic imported cases. Community transmission will be limited and COVID-19 hospitalisations will be at a manageable level. The health system will be ready to respond, including primary care, public health, and hospitals. Tertiary providers, alongside ECEs, schools and kura, will be open.

At Orange, there will be increasing community transmission that is putting pressure on our health system. The whole of health system will focus its resources, but can continue to manage primary care, public health, and hospitals. There may also be an increasing risk for at-risk people. Education facilities, including tertiary education providers, will be open with public health measures in place.

At Red, action will be needed to be taken to protect at-risk people and protect our health system from an unsustainable number of hospitalisations. At TEOs, staff and students will need to be vaccinated for onsite delivery for tertiary education, with capacity based on 1m distancing and other public health measures in place. Online provision should be available for offsite learners.

Be a doer! Karawhiua

We can be proud of what we've done to protect each other from COVID-19. Let's not waste our hard mahi. You and your whānau can find trusted information on the Karawhiuia website so you can make an informed choice about the COVID-19 vaccine.

[Karawhiua — Karawhiua - Protect Communities from COVID-19](#)

Two shots for summer

Vaccination is our pass to unlock summer. Find where's close to get your dose on the Unite against COVID-19 — you can just walk in or drive through. Get 1 now. Get another in 3 weeks.

[2 shots for summer | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](#)

Vaccination resources

You can access trusted information about vaccines, communications resources and conversation guides on the Unite against COVID-19 website. If you have a specific request, please email us

COVID19.Tertiary@education.govt.nz

[COVID-19 vaccines | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](#)

Email address for all tertiary and international COVID-19 related queries

A central mailbox has been set-up for all queries related to COVID-19 -

[COVID19.Tertiary@education.govt.nz](#). We are introducing this email address to ensure there is a central point of contact that we can monitor. We will continue to meet with the sector regularly.



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>

Please continue to check the Ministry of Health's locations of interest page to find out if you might have been exposed to COVID-19 [COVID-19: Contact tracing locations of interest](#) | [Ministry of Health NZ](#)

Information for schools, services and tertiary providers, as well as parents and whānau can be found on the Ministry of Education website [COVID-19 – Education in New Zealand](#)

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>

Advice for international students in NZ <https://naumainz.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/help-and-advice/healthcare/the-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know>

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

