



Bulletin – Tertiary Provider and International Bulletin

Saturday 14 November 2020

COVID-19 Update

- **Update on the community case in Auckland**
- **No change in Alert Level, but masks are encouraged**
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Update on the community case in Auckland

On Thursday 12 November, the Minister for COVID-19 Response and the Director General of Health announced three new cases of COVID-19, including one new community case in Auckland.

The Auckland case is a student at AUT, and while they had not been to any lectures or classes on campus since mid-October, the student had visited the **City Campus Student Hub** from 2.30pm to 2.40pm on Tuesday 10 November.

Anyone who was at **City Campus Student Hub** on Tuesday 10 November, should contact Healthline (0800 358 5453) and seek a COVID-19 test, regardless of whether they are symptomatic. These individuals may need to self-isolate until they have received their test results.

The COVID-19 website has a full list of [locations of interest](#), with specific advice regarding whether to get tested or self-isolate if you have visited one of these locations.

Further information and updates can be found on the Ministry of Health [website](#).

Anyone concerned about this news can ring Healthline's dedicated number 0800 358 5453 for advice.

No change in Alert Level, but masks are encouraged

At this stage, there has been no changes to our current Alert Level settings. Cabinet will be considering requirements around mask wearing on public transport in the Auckland region and on planes, next week.

Yesterday, the Minister for COVID-19 Response and the Director General of Health encouraged the use of masks in public spaces, including public transport, where physical distancing is difficult.

As New Zealand remains at Alert Level 1, tertiary education facilities are able to operate normally, while maintaining the expected COVID-19 measures.



Tertiary providers will be familiar with the Ministry's [guidelines on how they should operate at different Alert Levels](#).

A reminder of key principles for operating at Alert Level 1 include:

- All on-site activities at tertiary education facilities can continue as normal, including classes, lectures, labs, workshops, tutorials, noho, meetings, etc.
- TEOs are required to display the official NZ COVID Tracer QR code posters in a prominent place at or near the main entrances.
- Remote learning and teaching systems should be maintained in case of a move to a higher Alert Level.
- TEOs should be ready to move up alert levels at short notice.
- If a staff member or student is concerned about their wellbeing, or has underlying health conditions, they should work with their GP or other health professional to understand how best to stay healthy.

Specific guidance on how on-site exams should run at different Alert Levels can be found [here](#).

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The situation in Auckland is continuing to develop. If there any change in Alert Levels, or any shift in how tertiary providers should be operating in the Auckland CBD, we will provide you with further detail though another Bulletin.

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/>

