Bulletin – Tertiary Provider and International Bulletin

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COVID-19 UPDATE

The government has announced that the **Auckland Region will remain at Alert Level 3** and the **remainder of New Zealand will remain at Alert Level 2** for a further 11 days from today. Cabinet will check in on progress on Friday 21 August, with a formal review by Cabinet on Monday 24th August, with a view to implement any change from midnight, Wednesday 26th August, 2020.

We have updated the guidelines for tertiary education organisations (TEO’s) to reflect the latest public health measures. The changes to the guidance are highlighted in yellow and can be found here [guidelines for tertiary education organisations: how to operate under different alert levels.](https://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/final-final-detailed-tertiary-guidelines-for-alert-levels.pdf)

In addition to the above guidelines, additional points to note are:

**Wellbeing**

The number one priority remains the welfare of staff and students, and ensuring that they remain safe and well during this time. It is important that providers continue to support the wellbeing of students throughout this period and maintain regular contact. Particular attention should be paid to the safety and support of students in hostels and managed accommodation, so that students remain well informed and properly cared for.  
  
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](https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-general-public/covid-19-mental-health-and-wellbeing-resources).

There are also free apps and online self-help tools to help staff and students manage their mental wellbeing, such as [ALL RIGHT?](https://www.allright.org.nz/)

**Travel restrictions**

* Travel in and out of Auckland is restricted to essential travel only. If you are an Aucklander you can travel to Auckland to return home.
* If students are leaving New Zealand or catching other transport to go home, public transport is allowed at Alert level 3. Domestic air travel to Auckland is allowed if students are transiting Auckland Airport to leave the country, or to go to another domestic destination. If transiting through Auckland Airport they should not leave the airport precinct. For more information on travel by alert level, visit <https://www.transport.govt.nz/about/covid-19/transport-and-travel-by-alert-level/>.

**Public health measures and testing**

TEO’s should continue to implement the Ministry of Health’s recommendations on [social distancing and hygiene](https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-general-public/covid-19-mental-health-and-wellbeing-resources) as far as possible, for both staff and students, as per the [alert level guidance](https://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/final-final-detailed-tertiary-guidelines-for-alert-levels.pdf).

If you have a particular concern about a student or staff member, ask the student or staff member to contact their GP or call Healthline on 0800 358 5453 (or +64 9 358 5453 for international SIMS). Healthline has translators and interpreters available 24/7 in 150 languages.

Please note that publicly funded COVID-19 related care – including diagnosis, testing and treatment – is provided to anyone who requires it, who has symptoms. This is irrespective of citizenship, visa status, nationality or level of medical insurance coverage. The only time a person should be charged is when they ask for a test in order to enter another country.

For more information on free Covid-19 testing, visit <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-general-public/about-covid-19/covid-19-questions-and-answers>

For more information on testing centres, visit [https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-general-public/assessment-and-testing-covid-19#testingfacilities](hhttps://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-general-public/assessment-and-testing-covid-19#testingfacilities)

**Face Coverings**We would encourage students or staff members who wish to wear face coverings wrapped around the nose and mouth (including masks) are able to do so if they want to. They are entitled to make this decision and should not be criticised for doing so.

**At Alert Level 3:** Tertiary students need to follow the same guidance or rules as other adults. Physical distancing and contact tracing requirements must be met in all situations. Wearing a face covering is advised if out and about, for example on public transport or visiting the supermarket.

**At Alert Level 2:** While it is not mandatory to wear a face covering, wearing them is advised where it is not possible to practice social distancing or to carry out contact tracing. This includes, for example, in crowded spaces on TEO campuses, or teaching and learning situations where close physical contact cannot be avoided.

**Contract tracing**

In addition to your normal contact tracing systems, TEO’s are required to display the official NZ COVID Tracer QR code posters in a prominent place at or near the main entrances. To get posters like the QR code poster, visit <https://covid19.govt.nz/updates-and-resources/posters/>.

**Online delivery**

NZQA has granted an automatic extension to 31 December 2020 for programmes and training schemes delivered online in New Zealand by non-university providers, unless one or more of the following applies:

* **the programme** or training scheme includes practical components or placements;
* the provider intends to deliver solely online and not resume face-to-face delivery.

For further information on online delivery refer to <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/covid-19/alternative-delivery/>.

**Ongoing quality assurance**

Information about quality assurance activities is regularly updated on the NZQA website to reflect the latest COVID-19 alert level. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact NZQA on [covid19.enquiries@nzqa.govt.nz](mailto:covid19.enquiries@nzqa.govt.nz)

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|  | **Other messages for staff and students**  *Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV and Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora are back!*  Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV and *Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora* are back to support the learning of tamariki and rangatahi while Auckland is in Alert Level 3 and the rest of Aotearoa is in Alert Level 2.  *Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV*  This time around Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV will take over TVNZ DUKE's daytime schedule between 9am and 1pm on week days, with programmes and lessons for children aged 2 to 11 years.  DUKE is available on Freeview channel 13, Sky and Vodafone TV channel 23. It can be live streamed on the TVNZ website, [www.tvnz.co.nz](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.tvnz.co.nz%2F&data=02%7C01%7CHazel.dobbie%40enz.govt.nz%7C625ec5cba48a4de5311108d840d23b0f%7C7fab8d821c854170acbf74e098fcca29%7C0%7C0%7C637330619016629630&sdata=CIMqdOXQzGiTH8oQSU5hulGeTK6JD2ObSr%2BkMzHS7co%3D&reserved=0). Content will be available for catch up viewing on TVNZ OnDemand. You can check the schedule and access lesson plans on our HLTV webpage. [https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/HLTV](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flearningfromhome.govt.nz%2FHLTV&data=02%7C01%7CHazel.dobbie%40enz.govt.nz%7C625ec5cba48a4de5311108d840d23b0f%7C7fab8d821c854170acbf74e098fcca29%7C0%7C0%7C637330619016629630&sdata=L7Ny1ftkTrW8sgi89sPtYusMJNTjEixZNfRt4LXyFiE%3D&reserved=0)  *Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora*  Mauri Reo Mauri Ora is back to support learning for children aged 0 to 18 years while Auckland remains in Alert Level 3 and the rest of the country is in Alert Level 2.  Mauri Reo Mauri Ora will be airing once again on Te Reo Māori Channel via SkyTV, Vodafone channel 82 and Freeview Channel 15 from 9am to 3pm on week days.  Korou Whangataua, Juneea Silbery and Ani-Piki Tuari will again host these interactive sessions focused on kōhungahunga in the morning through to wharekura in the afternoon.  Check out [www.kauwhatareo.govt.nz/mauri-reo-mauri-ora](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.kauwhatareo.govt.nz%2Fmi%2Fresource%2Fmaurireo%2Fmauri-reo-mauri-ora%2F&data=02%7C01%7CHazel.dobbie%40enz.govt.nz%7C625ec5cba48a4de5311108d840d23b0f%7C7fab8d821c854170acbf74e098fcca29%7C0%7C0%7C637330619016639624&sdata=A%2BVTjCP8KLHNJiyXkPxDAjbuT1PgYn6fM9oX5lZmZFM%3D&reserved=0) for more information, schedules and previous sessions.  Content will be available for catch up viewing on [www.maoritelevision.com](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.maoritelevision.com%2F&data=02%7C01%7CHazel.dobbie%40enz.govt.nz%7C625ec5cba48a4de5311108d840d23b0f%7C7fab8d821c854170acbf74e098fcca29%7C0%7C0%7C637330619016639624&sdata=CGw%2Fsj8n7hYhVZ9O%2FmU7cZabe2pNFoo2GPGb3JsKUUI%3D&reserved=0) where you can also catch all the earlier episodes of Mauri Reo Mauri Ora. |  |

**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 information to support Maori communities, 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 information in [sign language and easy read formats.](hhttps://covid19.govt.nz/updates-and-resources/accessible-information/)  
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/>