

New Zealand COVID-19 Alert Levels Summary



- The Alert Levels are determined by the Government and specify the public health and social measures to be taken in the fight against COVID-19. Further guidance is available on the [Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz) website.
- The measures may be updated based on new scientific knowledge about COVID-19, information about the effectiveness of control measures in New Zealand and overseas, or the application of Alert Levels at different times (e.g. the application may be different depending on if New Zealand is moving down or up Alert Levels).

- Different parts of the country may be at different Alert Levels. We can move up and down Alert Levels.
- Essential services including supermarkets, health services, emergency services, utilities and goods transport will continue to operate at any level. Employers in those sectors must continue to meet health and safety obligations.
- Restrictions are cumulative (at Alert Level 4, all restrictions from Alert Level 2 and 3 apply).

Alert Level	Risk Assessment	Range of Measures (can be applied locally or nationally)
Level 2 – Reduce The disease is contained, but the risk of community transmission remains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household transmission could be occurring. • Single or isolated cluster outbreaks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People can reconnect with friends and family, go shopping, or travel domestically, but should follow public health guidance. • Physical distancing of two metres from people you don't know when out in public is recommended, with one metre physical distancing in controlled environments like workplaces, unless other measures are in place. • A phased approach to gatherings – initially no more than 10 people at any gathering. This applies to funerals, tangihanga, weddings, religious ceremonies and gatherings in private homes. Restrictions reviewed regularly. • Sport and recreation activities are allowed, subject to conditions on gatherings and contact tracing requirements, and – where practical – physical distancing. • Public venues (museums, libraries, etc.) can open but must comply with public health measures. Gatherings rules do not apply to public venues as long as people are not intermingling.

CHURCH SERVICES / GATHERINGS	PASTORAL VISITS	EDUCATION /EVENTS (limited, see above)
100 or under people (INDOORS)*	Home visits/communion*	Study groups
100 or under people (Outdoors)	Hospital visits (if permitted)	Conferences
100 + leaders/workers (Indoors)	Online/phone calls	Online
100 + leaders/workers (Outdoors)	Rest Home visits/services (if permitted)	Fund raising event (garage sales etc)
Online (no limit on virtual attendance)	Home meals delivery	BUILDINGS
Serving of food and drinks	GROUPS (100 or fewer)	Open for personal prayer
LITURGICAL PRACTICES	Home groups*	Access for cleaners
Holy Communion in one kind	Choir	Access for admin/ministry teams
Holy Communion in full	Children's groups/programmes*	Building/Property inspections
Sharing the peace	Youth groups	Emergency maintenance
WELL BEING	Prayer groups	Other maintenance
High risk people able to attend	Online (including the above groups)	Building projects
People who are sick able to attend	Elder Care centres	Good venue hygiene
Ensure contact tracing	Preschool activities	All surfaces cleaned after use
Good personal hygiene	ADMINISTRATION (limited, see above)	Toilets cleaned daily
Maintain physical distancing	Leadership/ Team meetings	Used by outside groups**
Church staff may work in church offices	Governing Bodies	
FUNERAL & WEDDINGS (100 or fewer people)	Online meetings (including the above)	
Use of church for these services	Virtual communications	*See other document for specific guidance for these ministries.
Funerals	OUTREACH	**All users of church premises must abide by Diocese of Christchurch Guidelines.
Cremation/ Burials	OP Shops	
Prayers in the time of death	Local food banks	
Online provision of the above	Community gardens	
Weddings	Community gatherings	BAPTISMS: postpone to Level 1

