COVID-19 Alert Level 2
Health and Safety Guidance

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As of Wednesday 17 November 2021, parts of the Waikato will enter Alert Level 2. Both the Hillcrest and Tauranga campuses will be operating at Alert Level 2 with the following Health and Safety Guidance applying:

Staff are encouraged to stay up to date with the latest Government advice and advice from the Tertiary Education Commission. The health and safety of our staff, students and public is our top priority. If you are sick or feel unwell, stay at home, and if you have symptoms of cold or flu call your doctor or Healthline (0800 358 5453) and get tested.

On Campus

While on campus under Alert Level 2:

- Scan in using the NZ COVID Tracer app when moving around campus.
- Maintain good hygiene practices such as handwashing with soap for 20 seconds, coughing or sneezing into your elbow and cleaning surfaces regularly.
- Bring a face covering/mask with you to campus. It is strongly recommended that you wear it at all times, especially in places where you can’t physically distance, for example in lecture halls, common areas, libraries, or in a confined space with other students or staff, such as in lifts.
- You must wear a face covering/mask in the following spaces:
  - All cafes/retail on campus, reception areas, the Student Hub and social learning spaces of the Tauranga campus, Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts, Student Health, the pharmacy and the Student Centre
  - When travelling via the Kaimai Shuttle and the regional buses
- Maintain physical distancing of 2 metres when outside and at least 1 metre inside University buildings, where possible.
- If you visit or work at locations other than the Hamilton and Tauranga campuses follow any additional control measures that apply to that site.
- At-risk and vulnerable people should not carry out any on-site activities unless they are fully vaccinated. However, they may work on site if they wish to and it is safe for them to do so.
- Overnight stays at Te Kohinga Mārama and Te Manawaroa are not permitted at Level 2 or at any other marae or facility.

Teaching and learning

- Face-to-face teaching will resume in Hamilton from Monday 22 November. Classes are limited to up to 100 people in a room with physical distancing of at least 1 metre where possible.
- Teaching spaces that have multiple points of access will be marked with entry and exit signs to direct a one-way flow of students.
- Exit times should be staggered to avoid large groups of students congregating.
- Work-Integrated Learning including practicums, internships and placements can resume but are subject to the Level 2 protocols that apply to the workplace that the student is in (e.g. schools, businesses, community organisations).

Follow the golden rules as set out by the Government on the COVID-19 website:
- Sign in with the COVID Tracer App
- Wearing a face covering when leaving home is strongly recommended
- Maintain two-metre distancing wherever possible
- Practice good hygiene – wash hands or sanitise.
Access support
The COVID-19 Alert Levels may be distressing, please access support if required:

- [Just a thought online module](#) to assist with your wellbeing through COVID-19 and beyond
- Free call or free text 1737 for access to a trained counsellor
- [Wellbeing @ Waikato resources](#)
- [Employee Assistance Programme](#) (staff)