

COVID-19 Traffic Light - Orange

Health and Safety Guidance



Health and Safety Guidance under COVID-19 Orange setting

As of Friday, 3 December both the Hillcrest and Tauranga campuses will be operating at the Orange setting under the COVID-19 [Protection Framework](#) (Traffic Lights). The following Health and Safety Guidance apply.

Staff are encouraged to stay up to date with the latest advice from the [Tertiary Education Commission](#).

The health and safety of staff, students and the public is our top priority. **If you are sick or feel unwell, stay at home**, and if you have symptoms of cold, flu or COVID-19, call your doctor or Healthline (0800 358 5453) and get a test.

Public health measures

At the Orange setting, the following health measures apply:

- You must wear a face covering/mask in the following spaces:
 - All cafes/retail spaces on campus, reception areas, the Student Hub and social learning spaces of the Tauranga campus, Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts, Student Health and UniRec.
 - When travelling via the Kaimai Shuttle and the regional buses.
- Maintain good hygiene practices such as handwashing with soap for 20 seconds, coughing or sneezing into your elbow and cleaning surfaces regularly.
- Maintain physical distancing of 2 metres when outside and at least 1 metre inside University buildings, where possible.
- Bring a face covering/mask with you to campus. It is **strongly recommended** that you wear it at all times and especially indoors and in places where you cannot physically distance for example, in lecture halls, common areas, libraries, or in a confined space with other students or staff, such as in lifts.
- Scan in using the QR Codes or complete the manual sign in processes as you move around campus.

On-site operations

- At the Orange setting, the University is open with public health measures in place.
- If staff members are unsure how to implement health measures within their work area, they should undertake a Risk Assessment alongside their line manager. Contact the Safety and Wellness team (healthandsafety@waikato.ac.nz) for further assistance.
- Consider the capacity of meeting rooms to allow for appropriate distancing for those attending any meetings you are booking.

Teaching and learning

- At Orange we will continue to deliver teaching onsite with appropriate measures in place and we are also required to continue to make flexible learning available for students who are unable to be on campus, where possible.
- Although travel from Red areas (excluding Auckland until 15 December) is permitted under traffic light settings, we're encouraging students in those areas to stay where they are and access online learning where it is available.

Work-Integrated Learning

- Work-Integrated Learning including practicums, internships and placements will be managed subject to the policies, practices and public health control requirements (including traffic-light specific protocols) that apply to the workplace that the student is in (e.g. schools, businesses, community organisations), including vaccination requirements.

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Research and related activities

- Research and other such activities should continue in the orange setting so long as they comply with the general COVID-19 requirements at Orange, the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and relevant WorkSafe regulations.
- Risk assessments for research-related activity should include Covid-19 related risks and controls including controlled group sizes, and other public health measures as appropriate (including face coverings).
- If you require assistance with a risk assessment please contact the Safety and Wellness team (healthandsafety@waikato.ac.nz).

On-campus businesses and services

- Our retailers will be operating subject to the [COVID-19 Protection Framework](#) guidelines for the relevant sector.
- At Orange, you will need your vaccine pass to access some parts of the University, for example UniRec, retail and hospitality.
- The Pharmacy and Unimart provide essential services and you will not require your vaccine pass to access services.

Access support

The COVID-19 Traffic Lights may be distressing, please access support if required:

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

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