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| Public health measures at all alert levels: | |
| **If people are sick, they should stay home (if they have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms phone Healthline on 0800 358 5453 or their GP)**[**COVID-19 symptoms | Unite against COVID-19 (covid19.govt.nz)**](https://covid19.govt.nz/health-and-wellbeing/about-covid-19/covid-19-symptoms/) | |
| **Wash and dry hands, cough into elbow, don’t touch your face** | |
| **If your service is required to close you will be directed to do so by the Medical Officer of Health. Public health officials will support you with what to do.  While the service is closed distance learning can still take place.** | |
| **Staff or children and whānau at your service may be required to self-isolate or go into managed isolation/quarantine. If this is the case public health officials will advise you what you need to do –**[**Ministry of Health information for self-isolation**](https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-health-advice-general-public/covid-19-self-isolation-close-contacts) | |
| **Face coverings are not required in any educational facility.** | |
| **Indoor temperature must be a minimum of 18 degrees Celsius.** | |
| **Early Learning services are required to display QR Code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App and have means for providing contact tracing for those not able to use the QR code.** | |
| **Measure/risk** | **Alert Level 3** |
| **Children at higher-risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (e.g. those with underlying medical conditions, especially if not well-controlled)** | Children/tamariki at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are encouraged to stay home wherever possible.  [Go to COVID19.govt.nz for further information](https://covid19.govt.nz/health-and-wellbeing/about-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk-of-severe-illness-from-covid-19/) |
| **Staff at higher-risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (e.g. those with underlying medical conditions, especially if not well-controlled)** | Unless fully vaccinated, staff who have a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 should stay at home. (This advice will also apply at Alert Level 2.)  If they want to come to work you may agree to the request only if it can be assured that it is safe for them to do so.  Staff to work with their GP or specialist if they need help understanding their own level of risk and how best to stay healthy.  [Go to COVID19.govt.nz for further information](https://covid19.govt.nz/health-and-wellbeing/about-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk-of-severe-illness-from-covid-19/) |
| **Hand sanitiser** | Hand sanitiser can be used. Washing hands with soap and water is the preference. If it is used then teachers/staff must supervise its location and use. |
| **Food** | Ensure that children/tamariki have separate food containers and do not give and take food to and from each other. Food can be supplied in accordance with public health guidance. |
| **Meal breaks** | Meal breaks must be staggered.  If you have multiple groups of children/tamariki in different rooms, you**must** avoid mixing the groups during meal breaks. |
| **Licensing requirements** | Services and kōhanga reo must increase physical space allowance to 3 sqm per child inside and 5 sqm outside. |
| **Physical distancing** | Number of children/tamariki in the same room or physical space to be limited to bubbles of no more than 10 children/tamariki.  Staff should where practicable use 1m as a guide between themselves and other staff.  Staff cannot mix between bubbles.  Where practicable maintain a 2m distance between parents/visitors and staff. |
| **Relievers** | Relievers can only work at one early learning service, with one bubble of children/tamariki. |
| **Attendance at more than one service** | Children/tamariki can only attend one early learning service. |
| **Toys and resources** | Books to be used by one bubble only each day.    Toys should be cleaned daily, including books with wipeable covers.     Toys that cannot easily be wiped clean to be put away and not used. |
| **Outdoor equipment** | Licensed outdoor space can only be used by one bubble at a time, and must be cleaned before use by another bubble.  Sandpits cannot be used. |
| **Cleaning** | Disinfect and clean all surfaces daily.  High touch areas should be cleaned throughout the day. |
| **Visiting teachers (home-based)** | Visiting teachers to provide phone or digital support. |
| **Excursions** | Most excursions will not be possible during Alert Level 3, only walks in your local area while maintaining 2m physical distancing. |
| **Vans** | Vans should be used to transport one bubble at a time,and be cleaned in between use by bubbles. Physical distancing of 1m between all adults and children involved in the pick-up/drop off is required. |
| **Sleep furniture** | Sleep furniture must be cleaned after use by each child.  Different early learning bubbles should not use the same sleep space at the same time. |