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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 early learning services and early learning services are **not expected** to provide face coverings for children or staff. It remains an option for those individuals and a decision for the individuals and parents/caregivers. | |
| **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 2** |
| **Children at higher-risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (e.g. those with underlying medical conditions, especially if not well-controlled)** | Children at higher-risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (e.g. those with underlying medical conditions, especially if not well-controlled) are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home. Distance learning can continue to be available to those who choose to remain at home. |
| **Staff at higher-risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (e.g. those with underlying medical conditions, especially if not well-controlled)** | Staff at higher-risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (for example, older people and those with underlying medical conditions, especially if not well-controlled) are able to work, but should take additional precautions when leaving home.  At risk people who have been fully vaccinated should feel safe to go out and about at Alert Level 2.  Staff and employers should discuss and agree whether additional control measures can be put in place, whether these workers can work from home, or if not, what leave and pay arrangements will apply.  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 is not required.  If available, staff must supervise its location and use. |
| **Food** | Ensure that children 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** | Staggering meal breaks not required. |
| **Licensing requirements** | Early learning services, kōhanga reo, Playcentres are able to operate to their full licence numbers providing they can continue to meet public health measures.  Physical space requirements return to standard licence requirements. |
| **Physical distancing** | There does not need to be a measurable physical distance between children or children  and staff.  However staff should where practicable use 1m as a guide between themselves and other staff.  Where practicable maintain a 2m distance between parents/visitors and staff. |
| **Relievers** | Relievers can work across multiple services. |
| **Attendance at more than one service** | Children can attend multiple early learning services over the course of a day or week. |
| **Toys and resources** | All toys and resources can be used. |
| **Outdoor equipment** | No restriction on the use of outdoor play equipment, including sandpits.  Hand washing required after use of the latter. |
| **Cleaning** | Disinfect and clean all surfaces daily. |
| **Visiting teachers (home-based)** | Visiting teachers resume home visits with appropriate public health measures in place. |
| **Excursions** | Excursions can resume as normal as long as 2m physical distancing requirements from other people are met. |
| **Vans** | Vans can be used to transport all children, the van should be cleaned daily. Physical distancing of 1m between all adults involved in the pick-up/drop off is encouraged. |
| **Sleep furniture** | Sleep furniture must be cleaned daily. |