Bulletin – Tertiary Provider and International Bulletin

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COVID-19 UPDATE

**Amendment of Guidance for Tertiary Education Organisations at Level 2.5**

This tertiary bulletin provides an update for Tertiary Education Organisations (TEOs) on the amendments we have made to the guidance for TEOs on how to operate under different Alert Levels.

TEOs have successfully implemented a number of changes in response to the requirements of different Alert Levels and we are confident that TEOs, including universities, have responded well to the current situation and have strong public health controls in place.

At alert level 2.5, TEOs should use the guidance for Alert Level 2, however additional requirements now apply reflecting the extra precautions needed at Alert Level 2.5. We are amending the guidance to reflect that at Alert Level 2.5 TEOs must clearly indicate capacity limits for large teaching and learning spaces that are consistent with the ability to manage physical distancing and the movement of large crowds and limit each teaching and learning space to a maximum of 100 people. TEOS should also ensure that contact tracing is supported through use of the QR codes and that these are placed at the entrance of all large teaching and learning spaces alongside the capacity limits.

This is designed to manage the risks associated with closed and crowded spaces where people are in close contact.

These changes will apply during the current Alert Level 2.5 period in the Auckland region and would also apply during any future situations where a similar set of limits are required on a localised basis. All guidance for Alert Level 2 remains the same.

**Things change quickly so stay up to date by following the links below:**

For health advice, please refer to the Ministry of Health’s website.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

For cross-agency information about COVID-19, including what support is available, health advice, and travel restrictions visit the All-of-Government website <https://www.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/>

For resources in Te Reo Māori, visit <https://covid19.govt.nz/updates-and-resources/translations/te-reo-maori/>

For information to support Pacific communities, visit <https://www.facebook.com/MinistryforPacificPeoples/>

For information in [sign language and easy read formats.](https://covid19.govt.nz/updates-and-resources/accessible-information/)
To keep updated on travel restrictions and visa information visit <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/media-centre/news-notifications/coronavirus-update-inz-response>

For additional advice for tertiary providers/whare wānanga visit the Ministry of Education website <http://www.education.govt.nz/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-3/>