

Updated as at 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Overarching principles for TEOs	What this means for...			
		Teaching and learning	Conducting research	Accommodation and student support	Campus operations and management
<b>Level 2 - Reduce</b>  <b>Status:</b> <i>Disease is contained, but risk of community transmission remains</i>  <b>National measures:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People can connect with friends and family, and socialise in groups of up to 100, go shopping, or travel domestically, if following public health guidance.</li> <li>No more than 100 people at gatherings, including weddings, birthdays and funerals and tangihanga</li> <li>While Level 2 generally restricts gatherings <u>to 100</u>, in some situations a lower transitional limit may apply. See <a href="https://covid19.govt.nz/">https://covid19.govt.nz/</a> for detail any transitional restrictions. Note that ‘gathering limits’ do not apply to education-related activities on a TEO campus.</li> <li>Keep physical distancing of two metres from people you don’t know when out in public or in retail stores. Keep one metre physical distancing in controlled environments like workplaces, where practicable.</li> <li>Wearing a face covering is mandatory on <u>public transport</u> from 31 August.</li> <li>Sport and recreation activities are allowed, subject to conditions on gatherings, contact tracing, and – where practical – physical distancing.</li> <li>Public venues can open but must comply with public health measures.</li> <li>Health and disability care services operate as normally as possible.</li> <li>Businesses can open to the public, but must follow public health guidance including in relation to physical distancing and contact tracing. Alternative ways of working encouraged where possible (e.g. remote working, shift-based working, physical distancing, staggering meal breaks, flexible leave).</li> <li>All organisations must display a government issued QR code for use with the NZ COVID Tracer App by 19 August.</li> <li>It is safe to send your children to schools, early learning services and tertiary education. There will be appropriate measures in place.</li> <li>People at higher-risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (e.g. older people and those with underlying medical conditions, especially if not well-controlled) may work and study, if they agree with their employer or education provider that they can do so safely.</li> </ul>	<b>Principles for TEOs under Alert Level 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All on-site activities at tertiary education facilities can take place, such as classes, lectures, labs, workshops, tutorials, noho, and meetings, provided the necessary <u>public health control measures for TEOs</u> are in place.</li> <li>Remote learning and teaching arrangements should remain in place to allow the TEO to manage capacity and for ‘at risk’ students and staff.</li> <li><u>Contact tracing information</u> must be collected that identifies which students and staff (and any other visitors) have been in each ‘controlled learning space’ and ‘other controlled environments’ and at what time. A ‘controlled learning space’ may be a lecture theatre, a lab, a classroom etc. ‘Other controlled environments’ include residential accommodation.</li> <li>As part of this contact tracing process, TEOs are now <u>required</u> to display the official NZ COVID Tracer QR code posters in a prominent place at or near the main entrances, and to ensure (to the greatest extent practicable) that each person entering the facility scans the QR code or provides appropriate details to enable contact tracing. Additional QR code posters can be generated and placed outside different rooms or separated areas within the TEO’s facilities to allow more accurate contact tracing</li> <li>The Ministry recommends that students bring face coverings or masks with them when attending on-site activities, and make use of these where appropriate, particularly where physical distancing may be difficult; for example in a confined space with other students or staff, such as in workshops, lifts, transportation organised by the tertiary provider, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Classes, lectures</b>, labs, workshops, tutorials, noho, and meetings are allowed, but should be strictly managed to ensure public health control measures for TEOs are in place, such as contact tracing. Overnight noho marae are allowed.</li> <li><b>There are no size restrictions for lectures and classes at alert level 2</b>, though TEOs should limit capacity to enable physical distancing of one metre, where possible. <b>Capacity limits for each teaching and learning space should be clearly indicated.</b></li> <li><b>At alert level 2.5 all lectures and classes are limited to no more than 100 people in a large teaching and learning space.</b> <sup>1</sup><b>Gatherings that are not directly education-related</b>, such as speaking events open to the public, cultural events, social events, etc. should follow the public health control measure that apply to that type gatherings, including any restrictions on number of attendees. <u>Graduation ceremonies</u> are not directly education-related, and must therefore follow the normal rules that apply to gatherings.</li> <li><b>Close-contact courses</b> may resume and should operate in accordance with the public health control measures that apply to that specific occupation (e.g. hairdressing). This applies whether the training is conducted in the workplace, or on-site at a tertiary facility.</li> <li><b>Workplace-based learning</b> can resume for most businesses, and should be managed within the public health control measures that apply to that workplace.</li> <li><b>Pastoral care</b> for workplace-based learning may be delivered face-to-face, and should be managed within the public health control measures that apply to that workplace.</li> <li><b>Examinations and assessments</b> may be carried out on-site at a tertiary facility or in the workplace if relevant public health control measures are met (i.e. TEO measures or specific workplace measures).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>All research and related activities are allowed</b>, provided public health control measures for TEOs are in place. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Face-to-face research</b> activities, including public events, personal interviews, and experiments involving human subjects,</li> <li><b>Research activity based in laboratories</b> (including caring for animals and other biological material),</li> <li><b>Maintaining or operating equipment and major infrastructure</b> associated with research is allowed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Student accommodation</b>, such as hostels and halls of residence, may be open to all students, but should operate in line with public health control measures for TEOs.</li> <li><b>Contact tracing</b> all residents, staff, and visitors who go onsite at a residential accommodation facility is critical. This should include the use of official NZ COVID Tracer QR code posters.</li> <li><b>Maintaining ‘bubbles’ is not required</b>, including within student accommodation, and <b>shared kitchens and communal areas</b> are allowed to open.</li> <li><b>Social events with external visitors</b> should not be held in student accommodation, though small social events involving other residents are ok.</li> <li>A small number of <b>family or close friends may visit</b>, but TEOs should manage this to ensure these visits do not turn into a social event.</li> <li><b>Students may travel domestically</b> (other than in the alert level 3 area) to return to their student accommodation (whether that’s a private flat or a tertiary accommodation such as a Halls of Residence), and should follow Ministry of Transport guidelines. No documentation (e.g. proof of residence) is required for domestic travel under Alert Level 2.</li> <li><b>Student counselling &amp; health services</b> are allowed to operate face-to-face, provided public health control measures related to that type of business are met.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>All operations and management</b> staff are allowed on site, in line with public health control measures for TEOs.</li> <li><b>On-campus businesses</b> such as gyms, pharmacies, cafes, restaurant, etc. should operate in accordance with the public health control measures that apply to that type of business.</li> <li>Libraries may open in accordance with the public health control measures for TEOs.</li> <li>Recreation areas (e.g. sports grounds, tennis courts etc.), may reopen, but should operate in accordance with the public health measures for apply sports.</li> <li>Staff may travel domestically (other than in the alert level 3 area), provided they ‘travel safely’ and adhere to Ministry of Transport guidelines for travel.</li> </ul>

Detail on the **public health control measures** for TEOs at Alert Level 2, along with a set of FAQs, can be [found here](#).

<sup>1</sup> At Alert Level 2.5 further restrictions apply around the size of gatherings and capacity limits. From 18 September TEOs must clearly indicate the capacity limits for large teaching and learning spaces to support physical distancing with a maximum limit of 100 people. This applies to level 2.5 in Auckland and to any future localised application of alert level 2.5.