



MAYOR'S OFFICE

Mayor's Message – 21 April 2020

Kia ora whanau,

We are a week away from moving from Level 4 to Level 3.

I am truly proud of all the incredible efforts our Hastings people have made to get us through this COVID-19 crisis.

Now it is critically important that we continue to abide by Level 4 restrictions over the next week, and then, from next Tuesday, we continue to keep in our 'bubbles' as much as we can.

As our Prime Minister says, we need to build on the gains we have made. I have faith that we will continue to keep this virus under control.

We've got this Hastings!

Let's Stay Safe, Stay Well.

He waka eke noa - we're all in this together.

Sandra

Today's Focus

Level Three means...

Further restrictions will remain on activities, including at workplaces and socially, to address a high risk of transmission within New Zealand.

Stay at home, other than for essential personal movement, and going to work/school.

Stay in your extended bubble, which can now include close family or caregivers.

People should keep 2 metres apart outside home where possible (apart from with people within their extended bubble). This requirement does not apply to emergency and frontline public services (e.g. healthcare).

In a controlled environment such as a workplace, 1 metre distancing is required

Gatherings of up to 10 people at a time only for wedding services, funerals and tangihanga.

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Wedding receptions and other celebrations are not allowed. Consumption of food/drink not permitted.

Workplaces, education facilities, public transport and supermarkets are not considered gatherings.

Additional conditions on gatherings:

- Physical distancing and infection prevention and control requirements must be met.
- All gatherings must record attendees to ensure contact tracing can be conducted if necessary.

No participants allowed who have COVID-19 symptoms or who need to be in isolation/quarantine for any reason.

For more information on operating safely in workplaces, further guidance is available at: <https://www.business.govt.nz/covid-19>

Golden Rules to Make Your Business Covid-19 Safe

1. **If your business requires close physical contact it can't operate.**
2. **Your staff should work from home if they can.**
3. **Customers cannot come onto your premises.** Unless you are a supermarket, dairy, petrol station, pharmacy or permitted health service
4. **Your business must be contactless.** Your customers can pay online, over the phone or in a contactless way. Delivery or pick-up must also be contactless.
5. **Basic hygiene measures must be maintained.** Physical distancing, hand washing and regularly cleaning surfaces. Workers must stay home if they are sick.

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6. If you used PPE in your business before COVID-19, then keep using it in the same way. If you didn't use PPE in your business before COVID-19, you don't need it now. This is advice for retailers, manufacturers and the service industries. Different advice applies to essential healthcare workers, border agencies, courts and tribunal staff, first responders and corrections staff. Visit MoH.govt.nz for more advice.

7. You must meet all other health and safety obligations.

Key contacts and sources of information

- Hawke's Bay Welfare helpline 0800 422 923
- Healthline 0800 358 5453
- Government helpline 0800 779 997 (Ministry of Social Development)
- Need to talk? Call or text 1737

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