

# COVID-19 staff update

07 September 2021

All of New Zealand south, and north of the Auckland boundary will move to **Alert Level 2** from 11.59pm Tuesday 7 September 2021.

## Changes at Alert Level 2

### Face coverings

- must continue to be worn by all staff at all times (except when eating and drinking).

### Visiting the hospital

- Visitors will be permitted between the hours of 2pm and 8pm in most areas of the hospital (including Planet Sunshine) with one visitor per patient only permitted at any one time.
- **Visiting maternity:** In addition to the one partner or support person permitted for the duration of labour and birth, one other adult visitor (must be a close family member) may visit between the hours of 2pm and 5pm.
- **Visiting the Neonatal unit:** one other adult visitor (must be a close family member) may visit between the hours of 2pm and 5pm.
- **Visiting ICU:** One visitor between the hours of 2pm and 5pm. Visits for critically unwell people must be discussed with the charge nurse on duty.
- All visitors not wearing a DHB ID will be screened upon entry and must wear a face covering to enter the hospital. Face coverings will be provided to those who arrive without one.
- The ED entrance will be open for those attending appointments in outpatients, fracture clinic, radiology TLAB and Tui Te Ora.

### Hospital entrances

- The Emergency Department will remain open in addition to the main entrance which will be open between 7.30am - 5.30pm. After 5.30pm entrance is through ED.

### Flavours Café

Remains as a 'grab and go service' under Alert Level 2. Please scan the QR code on arrival and maintain physical distancing when queuing. Normal opening hours will resume from this week (may be subject to change).

### Scanning in

Check your department, building or service has a QR code displayed in an accessible location for staff or other visitors who may be travelling to your area.

You can find these updates on the Hauora Tairāwhiti website on the COVID-19 page.

Questions about Hauora Tairāwhiti's response to COVID-19?

Send your query to: [incidentcontrol@tdh.org.nz](mailto:incidentcontrol@tdh.org.nz)