

COVID-19 staff update

08 September 2021

This will be the final staff update. The incident management team will continue to meet and planning will be ongoing.

All of New Zealand south, and north of the Auckland boundary is now at **Alert Level 2**.

Face coverings at Level 2

Face coverings must continue to be worn by all staff at all times (except when eating and drinking). This may mean you need to take a face covering home with you, so you are wearing one as you arrive at work. Reusable or surgical masks are appropriate for this purpose.

Hospital entrances and visiting

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

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 or both parents may visit once per day. No other visitors permitted.
- **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.

Wellbeing Wednesday

Tune in to the Chief Executive's update at 2pm on Zoom today, and hear from Dr Sue Mackersey and Erica Douglass who will be giving tips and advice on how we can look after our wellbeing as health care workers.

Let us know your feedback

We are collecting your feedback on the Hauora Tairāwhiti emergency response to the delta outbreak so far. What worked well, or not so well, and what could be done better next time?

You can submit your feedback anonymously by emailing incidentcontrol@tdh.org.nz or louise.bennett@tdh.org.nz

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

