



The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa

Caring for Our People Manaakitia ā Tātou Tāngata

METHODIST CHURCH COVID-19 LEVEL 3 PANDEMIC PLAN

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Level 3 – Restrict

High risk the disease
is not contained

- Community transmission might be happening.
- New clusters may emerge but can be controlled through testing and contact tracing.

- People instructed to stay home in their bubble other than for essential personal movement – including to go to work, school if they have to or for local recreation.
- Physical distancing of two metres outside home (including on public transport), or one metre in controlled environments like schools and workplaces.
- People must stay within their immediate household bubble, but can expand this to reconnect with close family / whānau, or bring in caregivers, or support isolated people. This extended bubble should remain exclusive.
- Schools (years 1 to 10) and Early Childhood Education centres can safely open, but will have limited capacity. Children should learn at home if possible.
- People must work from home unless that is not possible.
- Businesses can open premises, but cannot physically interact with customers.
- Low risk local recreation activities are allowed.
- Public venues are closed (e.g. libraries, museums, cinemas, food courts, gyms, pools, playgrounds, markets).
- Gatherings of up to 10 people are allowed but only for wedding services, funerals and tangihanga. Physical distancing and public health measures must be maintained.
- Healthcare services use virtual, non-contact consultations where possible.
- Inter-regional travel is highly limited (e.g. for essential workers, with limited exemptions for others).
- People at high risk of severe illness (older people and those with existing medical conditions) are encouraged to stay at home where possible, and take additional precautions when leaving home. They may choose to work.

This is a time for us all to keep maintaining our 'bubbles' and to actively support the government guidelines and their intent.

Activity	Level 3 response
Small group gatherings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Such as gathering for a live-stream at a person's house 	No gatherings are allowed in Level 3 , even if they are small. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only essential travel is permitted.
Using Church premises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-record or stream services live on Sunday Working from the church office Community groups Visits for personal prayer 	Stay at home , other than for essential personal movement, and going to essential work, or school if you have to, or for local exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No gatherings are allowed in Level 3
Extending your bubble <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconnect with close family/whānau, caregivers, loved ones 	Keep it exclusive only add a few extra people from as few additional bubbles as you can. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone who feels unwell must immediately self-isolate from others in their extended bubble.
Wedding services, funerals and tangihanga	Up to 10 people is OK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wedding receptions and other celebrations are not OK Consumption of food and drink at these gatherings is not OK Maintain physical distancing Record the names of everyone who is present in case contact is required with all these people again Stay at home if you are unwell
Filming Sunday Services	Do it at home
Property Checks	External checks are OK. Security is OK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep it quick and simple. Do a walk around and check the building is secure.
Tenants accessing premises	Work with them – have the conversation "Workplaces must operate safely – maintain physical distance between workers, recording who is working together, limiting interaction between groups of workers, disinfecting surfaces, and maintaining high hygiene standards " Further info: https://www.business.govt.nz/covid-19/workplace-operations-covid-19-alert-levels

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