



Caring for Our People

Manaakitia ā tātou tāngata

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As-salāmu ‘alaykum. Peace be with you.

So what’s happening at the moment

Coronavirus, and this for this year’s flu season

The 2019-nCoV Coronavirus has not hit our fair shores. There are some things we should do as the basics, regardless of whether there is a virus or flu threat.

Practice good public health habits

- frequently wash hands: use soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser if soap and water are not available (over 60% alcohol content is recommended)
- cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze
- stay home if you are sick
- avoiding close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms

Keep Holy Communion safe

- offer the wine in individual vessels, and
- use food service gloves to offer the bread, or
- those serving the bread ensure their hands are carefully washed and sanitised

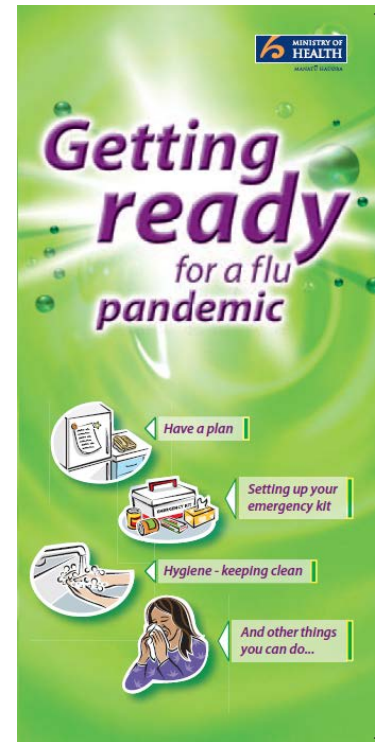
Keep our churches safe

- ensure our facilities are clean and functional for washing hands
- consider hand sanitiser stations at building entries

Be prepared at home- be prepared for at least a week!

- have a plan- who can help if you are ill?
- build up your emergency supplies kit
- see the flu pandemic pamphlet for ideas

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/healthy-living/emergency-management/pandemic-planning-and-response/prepare-yourself-influenza-pandemic>



Asbestos Management Plans

The Asbestos Regulations have been around since 2016 and it has been a requirement to have an asbestos management plan since April 2018. Whereas last year landlords had not been fined for non-compliance, I do not expect this to continue. WorkSafe (the enforcer) has had a reasonable period of educating people and businesses, and I would expect to see an increase in the harshness of their enforcement.



To this end, information has been sent out across the Connexion regarding or requesting asbestos management information for every single property under Methodist Church title.

Please phone me if you have any questions whatsoever about this material. What is being requested should be quick and easy. Please contact me if you find the asbestos information request difficult.

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