

# Whānau Panui

## COVID-19/Coronavirus

### 25 January 2022

#### Kia ora e te whānau

As of 11.59pm Sunday 23 January, **all of Aotearoa moved into the Red Light setting** of the Covid Protection Framework. This change in settings is to help slow down the spread of the Omicron variant of Covid so our hospitals can better cope and so our workforce doesn't all get sick at the same time. It would be difficult for us to manage if a large number of our kaimahi had to be off work with Covid. Please help slow the spread of the Omicron variant by following the rules aimed at keeping us all safe.

**Te Roopu Taurima needs to be prepared.** We are not in lockdown, but there are specific rules for operating in the Red Light setting:

#### How are our Offices operating under the new setting?

- All Te Roopu Taurima Offices are open, kaimahi are asked to maintain 1 meter physical distancing. Managers will work with their teams to ensure a safety first approach is taken.
- All offices are restricted to Te Roopu Taurima kaimahi only. Whanau or kaimahi are not permitted in the offices. Official visitors will be screened at reception as a vaccine pass will be required.
- Gatherings (e.g. pōwhiri, mihi whakatau, induction, and training) in a shared space will be determined by the ability to maintain **2 meter distancing** between the people in attendance.
- QR Code scanning is required along with a manual sign in and out register for added safety measures. **We must know when office based kaimahi have been in the office and when they left the office.**

#### How are our Whare operating under the new setting?

Te Roopu Taurima's Guidelines or SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) remain operational with no changes at this time. A summarised operational table is available in all whare and on our [website](#). **Remember to contact the whare or the manager before going to the whare**, so safe planning can be arranged.

#### How can you be prepared?

The [Unite Against COVID-19 website](#) has great resources to help you and your whānau prepare and stay safe in the event you or someone in your household catches COVID-19. This includes a handy [COVID-19 Readiness Checklist](#) and tips on how to ensure you're able to look after yourself if you're required to isolate.

#### What more can you do to keep safe?

- Stay home if you're unwell and contact the COVID-19 [Healthline on 0800 3585453 for advice](#).
- Wear a **face covering** when you're in public or a mandated area.
- Maintain **physical distancing** of at least 1 metre.
- Ensure you're maintaining good **hand hygiene**.
- Continue to use the **COVID-19 tracer app**.
- Arrange your **booster shot** as soon as you're eligible (four months from your second vaccination dose) through [BookMyVaccine](#).

#### Additional Helpful Websites

Remember to check out the [Karawhiua channels](#), and the [Te Puni Kōkiri 'COVID-19 Information for Māori' portal](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact [Manawhakahaere/CEO, Tania Thomas 0272912084](#) or [tania.thomas@terooputaurima.org.nz](mailto:tania.thomas@terooputaurima.org.nz)

**Kia maia, kia manawanui, kia kaha tātou ki te tiaki i a tātou ano**  
**Be strong, be resilient, and let's look after one another**

