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# Gatherings and events

Advice about gatherings, events, public facilities and other types of gatherings.

## Important message for Aucklanders considering travelling outside the region

If you're leaving Auckland, please travel safely.

While social gatherings of up to 100 are allowed outside of Auckland, you're encouraged to behave as if you're carrying your extra restrictions with you.

Consider avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people, unless you're going to a funeral or tangihanga.

If you have any cold or flu symptoms at all, we recommend not travelling — stay at home and get tested.

Remember to be considerate and ensure you practise good hygiene, maintain physical distancing, wear a face covering when you cannot maintain physical distance and as always, wash your hands and cough and sneeze into your elbow.

Gatherings and events can go ahead at Alert Level 2, with specific requirements and extra restrictions in Auckland region.

Do not go to any gatherings or attend public events if you:

- have COVID-19 symptoms, or
- if you need to be in isolation for any reason.

# Social gatherings at Alert Level 2

Social gatherings can go ahead at Alert Level 2, with extra restrictions in Auckland region.

Social gatherings include:

- having guests over to your home
- family events
- weddings
- funerals and tangihanga
- religious services
- community club and sport activities
- private functions like a birthday party or stag do.

## Funeral and tangihanga requirements

## Religious community advice

Play it safe — keep surfaces clean, wash your hands and maintain safe physical distancing where possible. If you can not maintain physical distance from people you do not know, we recommend you consider wearing a face covering.

## Contact tracing

The person organising the gathering legally must record attendees to make sure contact tracing can happen if needed. At a social gathering you do not need to do this if every person at the gathering knows each other. To play it safe, keep records even if everyone knows each other.

## Venue hire

If you have hired a venue just for a gathering then the rules on gatherings apply.

If you're a business or service, then the rules for businesses and hospitality apply. For example, eating dinner with friends at a restaurant.

## Auckland region social gathering limits at Alert Level 2

A social gathering in the Auckland region legally must not exceed 10 people in a defined space at any 1 time. You can have up to 10 guests over to your home. This includes people who usually live in your house.

Workers providing services to a social gathering are not included in the 10 person limit.

## Defined space meaning

## Social gathering limits in the rest of New Zealand at Alert Level 2

Social gatherings outside Auckland region can be held with up to 100 people in a defined space. You can have guests over to your home, but the 100 person limit applies. This includes people who usually live in your house.

## Defined space meaning

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## Public facilities at Alert Level 2

Public facilities can operate at Alert Level 2. There are no extra restrictions for public facilities in Auckland region.

If people can safely maintain 1 metre physical distance, there is no limit on how many people may safely be inside.

Public facilities need to assess how many people may safely be inside the premises and still maintain 1 metre physical distancing.

If you go to a public facility, you legally must keep 1 metre physical distance from people you don't know, where possible — if you can not, consider wearing a face covering.

Public facilities include:

- swimming pools and gyms
- libraries, and museums.

## Contact tracing

We recommend you sign in to a venue with either:

- the NZ COVID Tracer app and QR codes, or
- an alternative contact tracing system.

All businesses are legally required to display an NZ COVID Tracer QR code for each business location and also legally must have an alternative contact tracing system.

[How to do business safely at Alert Level 2](#)

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## Event facilities at Alert Level 2

Event facilities can operate at Alert Level 2. There are no extra restrictions for event facilities in Auckland region.

Event facilities can have up to 100 people within any defined space. They also need to assess how many people can safely be inside the premises and still maintain 1 metre physical distancing. This could mean the facility needs to have fewer than 100 people in a defined space.

If you go to an event facility, you legally must keep 1 metre physical distance from people you don't know, where possible — if you can't, consider wearing a face covering.

Event facilities include:

- cinemas, theatres, stadiums, concert venues
- conference venues
- casinos.

## Contact tracing

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- an alternative contact tracing system.

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## Defined space

A defined space is a single indoor or outdoor space separated from other spaces.

If a place has more than 1 defined space, then people should not intermingle between the defined places. This includes when entering, leaving, or using the toilet. It does not include workers.

This also applies to separate businesses that work from the same location.

### Indoors

An indoor space is a single space if there are walls that substantially divide that space from other spaces. The walls can be permanent or temporary.

### Outdoors

An outdoor space is a single space if there:

- are walls that substantially divide that space from other spaces — the walls can be permanent or temporary, or
- is at least 2 metres between all people in that space and any other people (outside that space).

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## Refunds for events

In the first instance, please contact the event organiser. They will likely need some time to determine their process and obligations for any refunds, payment to suppliers etc.

Please be patient as they work through the process to meet any obligations they may have.

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## Reporting breaches

If you believe you have observed behaviour that's not appropriate, and you're certain the individuals concerned are not following Alert Level requirements, you can report it.

[Report a breach online](#)

