**Iwi Pandemic Plan – Level 4**

As part of the COVID-19 pandemic response it was recognised that Te Arawhiti needed to engage with Iwi on developing pandemic response plans.

Hon. Kelvin Davis, the Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti, sees such planning as supporting our community’s response to this pandemic with Iwi.

This plan was shared and supported by the Ministry of Health’s Māori Health Directorate.

**Introduction**

This Plan is based on the New Zealand Influenza Pandemic Plan: A framework for action (NZIPAP) which deals with outbreaks of infectious disease, and forms part of the National Health Emergency Plan. (<https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/new-zealand-influenza-pandemic-plan-framework-action>)

This Plan uses the **COVID-19 Alert Levels** to inform a possible Iwi response.

The content of this paper includes:

* Alert Level 4 response
* Communications
* Planning and coordinating
* Resources: Pandemic Plan examples, Ministry of Health COVID-19 information, contact lists.

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| **Action Plan: Level 4** – Eliminate – Likely that disease is not contained   * Sustained and intensive transmission * Widespread outbreaks | | |
| **Level 4 measures** | **Iwi response** | **Additional information** |
| People instructed to stay at home | * advise Level 4 to broad Iwi database; * specifically contact kaumātua, pākeke, tāngata whaikaha. | * Incorporate information through social media or local Iwi media. |
| Travel severely limited | * Coordinate travel requirements with other Iwi and government agencies – particularly the Police. | * Seek permission for **all** travel through CE/Manager/Chair. * Staff identification required. |
| Businesses closed except for essential services (e.g. supermarkets, pharmacies, clinics) and lifeline utilities | * Close main Iwi office * Support Māori Health Provider(s). * Coordinate response with other Iwi and government agencies. | * Māori Health Providers are essential services. Further official guidance here: <https://covid19.govt.nz/government-actions/covid-19-alert-level/essential-businesses/> |
| Rationing of supplies and requisitioning of facilities | * Coordinate response with other Iwi and government agencies. * Prepare and distribute rations, food and essential medical supplies to the most vulnerable in our community. | * Ensure all staff, volunteers follow mandatory use of masks and disposable gloves. * Staff identification required. |
| Major reprioritisation of healthcare service | * Coordinate response with other Iwi and government agencies. | * Redeploy Iwi staff to Health Service efforts if relevant. * Staff identification required. |
| Educational facilities closed | * Schools/Kura/Kōhanga – closed already | * Monitor any changes in Alert Levels. |
| **Communications** | | |
| Public health messaging | * Promote key public health messages:   + Hygiene (hand-washing)   + social distancing   + self-care and caring for others   + staying safe   + limiting spread   + cough and sneeze etiquette | |
| Level 4 messaging | * Coordinate communications across Iwi:   + add links to Iwi website or social media platforms to COVID-19 information: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>   + use Iwi Radio to inform people. | |
| General | * Reviewing and updating key messages and communication channels. | |
| Contact lists (see ‘Resources’ section for example) | * Key local contacts list: make sure you have a shared contact list that includes the DHB, GPs, Māori Health Providers, Police, Iwi (Chairs, CEOs, marae). | |
| Staff | * Keep staff updated as the situation evolves. | |
| **Planning and coordinating** | | |
| Report possible COVID-19 cases to GP services, Whānau Ora and/or Māori health providers, DHB. | Determined by Iwi structure through to DHB, GP, Health Service Providers. | |
| Monitor on-going situation. | Ministry of Health – Updates <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus> | |
| Change in Alert Level | Monitor Ministry of Health updates can follow official advice. | |
| Revisit, review and revise Iwi responsiveness plans and prepare to activate if or when the situation changes. | Determined by Iwi structure. | |
| Maintain a contact list of other agencies. | See‘Resources’ example. | |
| Monitor use of personal protective equipment (masks/gloves) and contact DHB when required. | Contact key person(s) in DHB. | |
| Responsiveness to kaumātua needs | Determined by Iwi structure. | |
| Responsiveness to tangihanga | Our environment is continuing to change. Please refer to the Ministry of Health website for up-to-date information.  Further Tikanga advice for level 4 is available at: or <https://www.uruta.maori.nz/tikanga-advice-level-4> | |

**Resources**

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| **Pandemic Plan Examples** | |
| **Contributor** | **Link** |
| *Hawke’s Bay Health - Hauora Māori* | <https://www.hawkesbay.health.nz/assets/Emergency-Response-Resources/Hauora-Maori-Pandemic-Plan2.pdf> |
| *Ministry of Health* | <https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/new-zealand-influenza-pandemic-plan-framework-action> |

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| **COVID-19 Resources** | |
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| *Ministry of Health – Updates* | <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus> |
| *COVID-19 - Information sheets* | <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-resources/covid-19-information-sheets-general-public> |
| *Fact sheets: Welfare Support, Ministry of Health Social Media, Posters* | <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-resources#welfare> |
| *COVID-19 Alert Levels* | <https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/COVID_Alert-levels_v2.pdf> |

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| **Example contact lists** | | | |
| ***Staff Contact list*** | | | |
| Staff name | Role(s) during pandemic | Phone | Email |
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| ***Key contact list:*** | | | |
| Organisation | Contact person(s) | Phone | Email |
| Health Providers |  |  |  |
| DHB |  |  |  |
| GPs |  |  |  |
| Police |  |  |  |
| Army |  |  |  |
| Māori Wardens |  |  |  |
| Marae |  |  |  |