



ALERT LEVEL TWO GUIDELINES UPDATE 14 FEBRUARY 2021

"Play it Safe"

"do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others."

Philippians 2:4

Under Alert Level 2 the disease is contained, but there is a risk of community transmission. For full Government guidelines see www.covid19.govt.nz

NOTE – FURTHER GUIDELINES REGARDING ASH WEDNESDAY WILL BE SENT OUT TOMORROW MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2021

GOVERNMENT LEVEL TWO UPDATE 14 FEBRUARY 2021

from <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19/restrictions/alert-level-2/>

- From midnight February 14 2021 all of New Zealand will move to Alert Level 2 (except for Auckland which will go to Alert Level 3).
- Schools and workplaces will remain open, but everyone should:
 - Maintain social distancing (2 metres in public and in retail stores, 1 metre in most other environments such as workplaces and cafes)
 - Wash hands frequently
 - Sneeze and cough into your elbow
 - Keep track of where you have been and who you have seen
 - Wear a mask if you can, particularly if social distancing is not possible as on public transport or in shops.
 - **Stay home and contact your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116) if you have any signs of illness**
- People at a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR US?

While this move to Alert Level 2 initially applies until midnight Sunday 14 February, until midnight Wednesday 17 February 2021, extension of this timeframe is possible and we ask that you **prepare and hold your Sunday 21 February services under the Level 2 Guidelines**. All diocesan updates can be found on the diocesan website at www.wtanglican.nz/covid-19.

1. **Churches may remain open for Public Services:** weddings and funerals are permitted within the government guidelines up to 100 people, social distancing must be maintained.
2. **Contact Tracing must be performed:** All visitors to church buildings must be recorded. In addition to written contact tracing maintained by the parish, QR codes can be generated for each church building. To receive your code you can email Simon Cayley at manager@wtanglican.nz with the physical location name and address and a contact name, email, and phone number (ideally a mobile number). It



is encouraged that you use the government's contact tracing app, which can be downloaded [here](#).

3. **Communion in one kind** will be permitted, but please consider the option of holding a simple Service of the Word instead of a Eucharistic service.
4. **Congregational Singing** is currently permitted based on the latest Ministry of Health advice, but the 1 metre distancing requirement must be maintained.
5. **No food or drinks to be served until we return to Alert Level 1.**
6. **Ensure hand sanitiser is readily available**, particularly at entry and exit points. Frequent hand washing should be encouraged.
7. **Clergy and lay employees** may continue to use offices which have been cleaned to required standards and can be maintained at safe levels for a working environment.
8. Please review your "**Action Plan for the Provision of Ministry - Alert Level 2**" and ensure you can operate safely under your Alert Level 2 plan and comply with all Government Alert Level 2 Guidance.

IN SUMMARY: FROM MIDNIGHT SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2021

- Gatherings are limited to 100 people with social distancing of at least 1 metre, this will include church services on Sunday 21 FEBRUARY, 2021
- Please refrain from physical sharing of peace
- Contact tracing is enforced
- Services should be simple Services of the Word or Communion in one kind only
- No food or drink to be shared (such as morning tea, etc)
- Please review your Ministry Action Plan for Alert Level 2
- And most importantly, if you are unwell stay at home and call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116)