



ALERT LEVEL DELTA TWO GUIDELINES UPDATE 22 SEPTEMBER 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 Delta Two the disease is contained, but there is a risk of community transmission. Restrictions reflect the increased transmissibility of the Delta variant. For full Government guidelines see www.covid19.govt.nz

This update provides an overview of the [Guidance for the Provision of Ministry](#) during Alert Level Delta Two. While the heightened restrictions and recommendations due to the Delta variant may seem daunting, I urge you to keep these principles in mind:

- Care for your neighbour, especially the most vulnerable
- Rejoice in being able to gather
- Keep it simple
- Start small and keep services short
- Strong advice: begin with Services of the Word - Expand and develop what you offer over time

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

- From midnight September 21st 2021 Auckland moves to Level 3 and the rest of New Zealand remains at Alert Level 2.
- Schools and workplaces will open, but everyone should:
 - Maintain social distancing (2 metres in public indoor spaces and in retail stores, 1 metre in most other environments such as workplaces and cafes)
 - Masks are to be worn where ever possible and are mandatory in some contexts
 - Wash hands frequently
 - Sneeze and cough into your elbow
 - Keep track of where you have been and who you have seen
 - People at a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, and those who live in the same household, are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home.
 - **Stay home and contact your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116) if you have any signs of illness**

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR US?

You can find detailed information on each of these items in the document, [Guidance for the Provision of Ministry at Alert Level Delta Two](#). All diocesan updates can be found on the diocesan website at www.wtanglican.nz/covid-19.

1. **Services** can be attended by up to 100 people with reasonable social distancing between bubbles.
2. **Social distancing** should be maintained between bubbles (Our suggestion is the same as café's which is 1-metre distancing).



3. **Masks must be always worn by all present (participants and all leading).** Service leaders and readers can remove masks while speaking. Reasonable distance should be maintained between speakers and congregation. Be aware of the airborne nature of the disease and consider the way the virus lives on hard surfaces. Consider therefore how to ensure lecterns and microphones can be maintained safely between speakers. There is an instinct to touch a microphone to adjust it and then to touch your face. This is a major means of transmission. Simple training and wiping of flat surfaces – as in a café – can significantly reduce risk.
4. **Communion in one kind** will be permitted if this can be managed observing 1-metre distancing, but please consider the option of holding a simple Service of the Word instead of a Eucharistic service.
5. **Congregational singing** is not permitted. Performance singing (small choir or soloists) is permitted, masks do not have to be worn by performers but 1 metre distancing between singers and 3-metres between singers and congregation should be maintained
6. **Food or drinks** may be served individually to congregational members sitting at tables. Masks should be worn.
7. **Ensure hand sanitiser is readily available**, particularly at entry and exit points. Frequent hand washing should be encouraged.
8. **High touch surfaces** (e.g. door handles...) should be disinfected before and after every service.
9. **Pastoral Visiting:** All visits to home must be pre-arranged. The Pastoral caregiver must wear a mask at all times and use hand sanitiser on entry and exit of home. No physical contact is allowed during the visit including during prayer as part of the healing rite. Maintain 1 metre distancing.
10. **Clergy and lay employees may use offices** which have been cleaned to required standards and can be maintained at safe levels for a working environment. You can find these details in the [guidance document here](#).

-Please review your “**Action Plan for the Provision of Ministry - Alert Level Delta 2**” and ensure you can operate safely under your Alert Level 2 plan and comply with all Government Alert Level Delta 2 Guidance. **This revised plan must registered with the Bishop’s Office at bishopspa@wtanglican.nz before resuming any aspect of ministry under Level Delta 2**

And most importantly, if you are unwell stay at home and call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116)