

COVID-19 – Update 10

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Dear Practitioners,

Welcome to our 10th Update with our latest information and useful links. We are drafting information for Level 2 and will share information next week. We will also be placing information on our [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages.

- **OTBNZ Survey:** Thanks to everyone who has taken the survey to assist the Board in understanding the scope of occupational therapy practice during the COVID-19 crisis. We are still collecting data and request you to complete the survey [here](#).
- **In conversation:** Watch our fourth interview, 'In Conversation' with Jane Hopkirk, Data Analyst at Kaiwhakaora Ngangahau, Whanau Ora Social Services Takiri Mai Te Ata Trust, on our [YouTube channel](#) as she speaks with Andrew Charnock, OTBNZ's Chief Executive and Registrar.
- [Alert Level 3 guidance for Home and Community Support Services and Supported Living providers:](#) Under Alert Level 3, essential and safe disability support services have some changes to how they can operate while accommodating people's "extended bubbles", and keeping accurate records of contacts for contact tracing purposes. There is guidance on how to do this.
- [Te Rōpū Whakakaupapa Urutā](#) – National Māori Pandemic Group continues to add evidence based health resources, advice for tangihanga and end of life care. They have produced clear policy and equity statements.
- **Resources**
 1. The District Health Boards have produced two useful guidance documents. Although produced for the DHB sector they may be helpful for other organisations: [Occupational Health Assessment Tool](#) for Vulnerable Workers; [Protecting Vulnerable DHB Staff During COVID-19 Guide](#) for People Leaders and Line Managers
 2. [COVID-19 in children](#) – summary of the evidence to date of risk factors, transmission and considerations for children
 3. [Control measures to deliver COVID-19 strategies: Education sector evidence review](#)
 4. [Māori Health review](#) produced regularly by Dr Matire Harwood (Ngapuhi) has commentary about Covid 19 in compared to recent research related to other infectious diseases
 5. The [NZ Health Quality and Safety Commission](#) has a COVID-19 resource hub with links to various areas such as Hauora Maori, Wellbeing and Leadership.

Stay home and stay safe

Kia Kaha,



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