

COVID-19 – Update 12

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Dear Practitioners,

Welcome to our 12th Update with our latest information and useful links. The Board would like to remind you of your responsibilities for contact tracing by keeping accurate clinical notes, cleaning and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and applying infection control measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 through Alert Level 2. We will also be placing information on our [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages.

- [Advice on compulsory assessment and treatment processes for mental health services during COVID-19 Alert Level 2](#): There are temporary amendments to the Mental Health Act which apply during the COVID- 19 response. Occupational therapists working in mental health need to review these for ongoing management of inpatient and community based services with people under the Mental Health Act.
- [Āwhina app](#): The new mobile app, released yesterday by the Ministry of Health will help health workers access the information they need about COVID-19. It will give those working in the health and disability sector access to information like the latest case definitions, clinical care pathways or Personal Protective Equipment guidance from their mobile device anywhere, anytime. Āwhina will also notify health workers when new or updated content is available to them. It can be downloaded for free from the App store or Google Play store.
- [Contact Tracing](#): The Ministry of Health has launched the NZ COVID Tracer app to support contact tracing in New Zealand. Kiwis who download the app will create a digital diary of the places they visit by scanning QR codes displayed at the entrances to business premises, other organisations and public buildings. People can also register their contact information through the app to make sure the National Close Contact Service can get in touch if they need to.
- [Decision-making tree](#) and [Level 2 FAQs](#): The [decision-making tree](#) has been created to help keep yourself and the people you work with safe and ensure equitable and accessible health services are being provided. The [FAQs](#) have been updated to provide detailed advice about working in Level 2 safely and proactively.
- **In conversation:** Watch our 'In Conversation' with Susan Mary Ripley, occupational therapist (Rheumatology and Burns and Plastics) in Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, UK on our [YouTube Channel](#). Susan speaks to Andrew Charnock, OTBNZ's Chief Executive and Registrar, about her experience contracting COVID-19; and working at this challenging time in the UK.
- **Resources**

1. [Free availability of COVID-19-related ISO & IEC standards](#)
2. Telehealth TECH Webinar is taking place today (May 28) at 7pm. You can register [here](#).
3. [Te Rōpū Whakakaupapa Urūta](#) – National Māori Pandemic Group continue to update their COVID-19 healthcare information for Māori including for kaumātua, tamariki, hapū māmā and returning to mahi in Level 2.
4. Ministry of Health resources for Level 2:
 - [Health Quality & Safety Commission COVID-19 resource hub](#)
 - [Guidance for disability support service providers, Mental health resources](#)
 - Ministry of Health is still seeking extra health and disability support staff. Register [here](#)
 - [Information for service users/tangata whaiora on Mental Health Act compulsory assessment and treatment processes](#)
 - [Aged care providers](#)
 - [Mental health and addiction providers](#) call for review and feedback of the Psychosocial and Mental Wellbeing Recovery Plan by 15th June
 - [Information for hospice staff in home and community settings](#)
 - [Updated advice for health professionals](#)
 - [Advice for community allied health, scientific and technical providers](#)
 - [Guidelines for PPE disability support and care workers who work in clients homes; PPE requirement for community care providers](#)
 - [Funded temporary accommodation for front-line workers](#)

Stay safe

Kia Kaha,



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