

Te Tauīhu Tangata Whenua Tangihanga Guidelines During Covid-19 Alert Level 4, 3, 2 & 1

*He āwhina, he aroha, ngā miro tuitui i ngā haehaetanga o te mate
(Love and support knit together the lacerations of anguish)*

Tēnā tātou katoa,

These guidelines are an accompaniment for those prepared for Alert Level 4 and are offered to assist us as we move down the COVID-19 alert levels. These guidelines have been prepared to help us during this difficult time. They are based on the tikanga of ngā iwi o Te Tauīhu and support the official guidelines for tangihanga during Alert Levels 4, 3, 2 & 1. These guidelines may be subject to change, please also visit the [Ministry of Health](#) website.

We have Pouwhakarite who are available to provide cultural guidance throughout this process as well as support with Karakia, Karanga and other Tikanga practices should whānau wish for this assistance. Please contact Barney Thomas on 027 221 8918 for details. If you have any questions about the guidelines please email them to whanautautoko9@gmail.com

GUIDELINES TO SUPPORT YOU AND YOUR WHĀNAU:

- **Your Funeral Director must be engaged** to help guide you through the process when your whanaunga is nearing the end of life and when they pass away.
- Should you require cultural support we have Pouwhakarite to assist you during this time.

WHANAUNGA PASSES AWAY IN HOSPITAL

Cultural support will be provided within the hospital by Te Waka Hauora/Māori Health. Ask for: Tui Lister (Whakatū/Nelson) or Shaun Wharehoka (Wairau/Blenheim).

The hospital may contact the Police depending on circumstances. Police Māori Responsiveness Manager is also available to support Tracey.Wharehoka@police.govt.nz 021 192 3919

Whānau representative contact a [Funeral Director](#) to discuss the process of the tangihanga.

WHANAUNGA PASSES AWAY AT HOME

Whānau representative must contact:

- Your whanaunga GP or usual health provider.
- A [Funeral Director](#).
- Depending on the circumstances the Police may need to be contacted.
- Whānau representative may contact: Police Māori Responsiveness Manager for support and to help find solutions Tracey.Wharehoka@police.govt.nz 021 192 3919

If the cause of death is unknown, then a post mortem may need to be undertaken.

The Funeral Director will uplift your whanaunga. Please be aware that they will be wearing full protective clothing.

IF YOUR WHANAUNGA PASSES AWAY OVERSEAS/OUTSIDE REGION OR WHANAUNGA FROM ELSEWHERE PASSES AWAY IN TE TAU IHU

- Alert level 4 strictly no interregional or overseas travel is permitted.
- During Alert Level 2 and 3: Travel across region will require an exemption
- Overseas tūpāpaku will be able to be repatriated provided the funeral director meets the international requirements for Customs and Biosecurity. In all these cases, your Funeral Director will be able to support.

Also consider contacting:

- Your iwi to activate support.
- [WINZ](#) – to activate financial tangihanga support to those who qualify.
- Māori urupā trustees – if this is the planned burial choice.
- Iwi, hapū, whānau, others – to inform them of the passing of your whanaunga & burial/cremation details.
- Your Funeral Director to discuss the possibility of livestreaming the burial/cremation or other video solutions.

Overview of different alert level requirements for Tangihanga

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- If you are hosting a tangihanga, you must display a QR code and a contact register.
- Provide hand sanitiser.
- To manage communications, it is advisable to appoint a person to guide visitors. Pouwhakarite may be available to support this for you whānau.
- If you are unwell, please do not attend tangihanga to keep yourself safe and for the safety of others.

GUIDELINES	ALERT LEVEL 4	ALERT LEVEL 3	ALERT LEVEL 2	ALERT LEVEL 1
Number of people allowed at Tangihanga up to a max of:	Not Permitted	10*	100	Unlimited
Can you be in different bubbles and still attend together?	Not permitted	Yes	Yes	Yes
Social distancing of 2 metres is	Yes	Yes	Should be observed	Encouraged
Hongi, harirū is	Not permitted	Not permitted	Discouraged	Encouraged
Masks or face coverings	Yes	Yes	Encouraged	Encouraged
Kaiwhakanoa (Food or Drink) allowed?	No	No	At the discretion of the whānau	At the discretion of the whānau

*Up to max of 10 people from the same bubble at any one time

Through our ongoing and significant relationship with Mātāwaka we, the eight iwi of Te Taihū, have collaborated to develop these guidelines for the needs of our rohe in consideration of Alert Levels 4, 3, 2 & 1.

*Tuku aroha ki mua, tuku aroha ki muri, kia tū te aroha o nāianeī
(Extend love to the past, extend love to the future, extend love today)*