

Update 15 October 2021

Criteria for face-to-face treatments during Alert Level 3

The Criteria for face-to-face treatments during Alert Level 3 has been reviewed. This [flowchart](#) will assist you in deciding those you can treat face-to-face during Alert Level 3.

Please review the latest Ministry of Health guidelines:

- Flowchart: [Alert Level 3 guidance for Allied Health practitioners](#)
- Risk assessment matrix: [Alert Level 3 and 4: health and disability sector risk assessment](#)

If a person requires a face-to-face consultation, please adhere to the following precautions:

- [screening for COVID-19 symptoms](#) prior to face-to-face appointment
- practice good [infection prevention control procedures](#)
- use the appropriate [personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#)
- keep accurate documentation of the appointment to aid [contact tracing](#) if required.
- ensure that your place of work is registered with the NZ COVID Tracer App and that the poster with the unique QR code is clearly displayed at the entrance to your premises.

The Ministry of Health is looking at how the criteria may change regarding the 3-phases of Alert Level 3. When this information is available, we will provide it to you.

Vaccine mandate

The Government, in consultation with the Ministry of Health announced on 11th October that an amendment will be made to the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021 that will require a new set of workers in the health and disability sector to be fully vaccinated by 1st December 2021.

This group includes the regulated professions currently registered under the HPCA Act 2003.

The Board acknowledges you may have many questions regarding what this means for you. The Board is currently working through the implications of this announcement, and will communicate further with you, as soon as practicable.

Ngā mihi,

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Chairperson

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