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- Message from Iona

Critical

- National Education and Learning Priorities published
- Face coverings on public transport
- Playground equipment safety alert – springer ride-ons

Need to know

- New Learning Support Network of Expertise
- Funding for small schools
- ORS COVID-19 Response Fund phase two
- Te Kura programmes support students impacted by COVID-19
- RFP on Cultural Capability
- Circular 2020/06 - Attendance Dues Accounts

Heads up

- Term attendance data and automatic collection of weekly data
- TESSOL tuition fees scholarship
- 2020 RTLB National Satisfaction Survey deferred
- Funding for memorial tree planting

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Critical

- Teacher aides who have left employment

Need to know

- Accord Teacher Only Day 2020
- Keeping up to date with pay equity claims
- Teacher recruitment
- Te Ahu o te Reo Māori – national delivery 2021
- 2021 calendar of key Ministry dates
- Updated contracts for school construction consultancy services
- Reading Recovery and Early Literacy Support

Heads up

- ClassroomNZ2020
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Critical

- Upcoming legislative changes to vaping

Need to know

- Targeted support for at risk ākonga
- COVID-19: EAP services for Auckland workforce wellbeing update
- New online oral language resource
- Māori medium and te reo Māori PLD priorities
- Converting unallocated hours into a statement of work

- TAPESA 2021 funding letters

Heads up

- New Inclusive Education tool
- Updated travel guidance for schools
- Resources for the America's Cup
- VLN Primary School – register for online programmes in 2021

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Critical

- 15 March 2019 Christchurch lockdown review outcomes
- COVID-19 checklist for urgent school closures
- 2021 provisional roll reviews
- Extraordinary roll growth applications
- 2020 banking staffing
- SESTA applications for Term 1 2021 due by 30 November
- Annual Financial Reporting 2020 | Circular 2020/07 – Annual Reporting Circular
- Privacy Act changes
- Auckland ākongā: places available in Big Picture & targeted dual-tuition programmes

Need to know

- 2021 Ministerial Youth Advisory Group
- Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award 2020
- Learning Support Satisfaction Survey
- Extension for home internet connections

Heads up

- Supporting learning progress once students are back at school – useful teaching strategies and tools
- Year 1-6 content now available on ClassroomNZ2020
- Accord Teacher Only Day 2020 FAQs
- 2021 PLD round dates
- Enrolling children from overseas
- School Journal distribution dates
- Sun safety

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Critical

- Have your say: Draft Achievement Standards for Māori Performing Arts
- Pacific Innovation and Pacific Education Support Funds: application closing dates
- Annual Reporting webinar and Kiwi Park model financial statements
- Guidance counsellors
- Ongoing Resourcing Scheme and School High Health Needs Fund applications

Need to know

- Update on COVID-19 for our NZ Pacific community
- Reallocation of funding to bolster domestic teacher recruitment
- Free Pause Breathe Smile mind health programme

Heads up

- Automated weekly attendance data - now available for some schools
- Final call for nominations: Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award

- Applications for TESSOL scholarships close soon
- PLD update
- Teacher Only Day
- More funding available for adult education
- Action Plan for Pacific Education
- New Curriculum Lead positions advertised

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Critical need to know

- Funding to cover unexpected Covid costs in schools
- Preparing for a resurgence of Covid-19
- Distance Learning Package
- Suspension of visa applications for students outside New Zealand
- New notices currently unavailable on School Data Portal
- Education (School Trustee Elections) Regulations 2000 update
- Implementing the teacher aide pay equity settlement
- Funding for cohort entry schools
- Provision of education and NCEA to enrolled students outside New Zealand
- Schools being approached for asbestos surveys

Heads up

- Reform of the Tomorrow's Schools system in the Covid-19 context
- Please keep sending weekly attendance data so we can provide support
- Get tech-ready for NCEA Online 2020
- Awards for gifted learners
- Progress in International Ready Literacy Study (PIRLS)
- Two updated inclusive education guides
- Social Sciences online
- Teaching Council update

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Critical need to know

- Importance of having a QR Code at the entrance to your school
- Access now open to the Covid Urgent Response Fund
- 2020 Decile Review – applications close 21 September
- \$75.8m to support school students' mental health and wellbeing
- Support staff overnight costs for camps and trips

Heads up

- Expiring student visas
- Expert panel applications – Advanced Classroom Expertise Teacher
- Expressions of Interest for NCEA change programme working and expert groups
- Ngārimu video competition
- Checking your property after a major incident and organising urgent repairs
- Raranga Matihiko | Weaving Digital Futures Leadership Webinars
- Curriculum Progress Tools Professional Learning and Development

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Critical need to know

- [How the jump links will work on a mobile phone](#)
- [Māori education strategies set strategic direction](#)
- [Fund to support Māori story telling](#)
- [Supporting Pacific Success - Action Plan for Pacific Education 2020-2030](#)
- [Education and Training Bill soon to be law](#)
- [Family violence annual leave](#)
- [Testing remains fundamental to our Covid-19 response](#)
- [Responding to new Covid-19 cases in the community](#)

Heads up

- [Shakeout 2020 – save the date](#)
- [OIA release about student management systems](#)
- [Student elections for board of trustee representatives](#)
- [Increased building compliance scrutiny and Building Warrants of Fitness \(BWOFF\) for State schools](#)
- [Learning Support Satisfaction Survey](#)
- [180 Learning Support study awards for teachers and kaiako in 2021](#)
- [NCEA online courses on ClassroomNZ2020 now available](#)
- [School bus tender opens](#)
- [ESOL \(English for Speakers of Other Languages\) funding applications](#)
- [Refunding overnight camp donations due to Covid-19](#)
- [Education Outside the Classroom - professional development opportunities](#)
- [Second round of Sustainability Contestable Fund closing soon](#)
- [Energy use and conservation in schools](#)
- [Term time only support staff payments over Covid-19 Alert Level 4](#)
- [Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award](#)
- [Publishing 2019 annual reports online](#)

General Information

- [Advertising around schools](#)
- [WorkSafe health and safety video](#)
- [July 2020 ESOL newsletter](#)

Special editions 2020

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- [10 things you need to know about Alert Level 1](#)
- [Letter template for Auckland parents and caregivers](#)

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- [Key messages from the Prime Minister's COVID-19 announcement](#)
- [10 things you need to know about Alert Level 1](#)
- [For Auckland - Things you need to know about Alert Level 2](#)
- [Gatherings and events](#)
- [Translated letter templates for parents and caregivers](#)
- [Exams at Alert Levels 1, 2 and 3](#)
- [Support for senior secondary students](#)

- Ongoing Resourcing Scheme COVID-19 response fund
- Automating your weekly attendance data submission
- Funding updates
- New Zealand Sign Language Week
- ERO report: Nihinihi whenua – Valuing te reo Māori
- Extension for nominations: Prime Minister’s Vocational Excellence Award
- PLD update
- PLD opportunity: TESSOL Scholarships
- School Leavers’ Toolkit: Inclusion and diversity video resource
- Online infrastructure forums
- Education Gazette
- Renaming the School Data Portal
- Section 9 Agreements renamed Specialist Education Agreements
- Electoral Commission thanks you
- International students remaining in New Zealand over summer 2020/2021
- Providing education and NCEA outside New Zealand

COVID-19 update - 14 September

- Prime Minister’s announcement on alert levels
- A reminder - 10 things you need to know about Alert Level 2
- Navigating a sea of information safely
- Cost of care
- Day 12 testing for close contacts
- Changes to conditions for entry into New Zealand
- Curriculum wellbeing leads
- NCEA Change Programme
- Studylt forums reopen 21 September
- Aotearoa New Zealand’s histories update
- Raranga Matihiko - free online conference 28 September

COVID-19 update - 10 September

- Granting domestic status to school-aged children unable to return home
- Next steps for updating the physical restraint rules and guidelines
- Revised and updated Relationships and Sexuality Education guide
- Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori 2020 | Māori Language Week 2020
- 180 Learning Support study awards for teachers and kaiako in 2021
- Guidance for the General Election 2020
- ShakeOut 2020
- Free Apple (PLS) workshops for teachers
- He Pikorua – new practice framework for learning support

COVID-19 update - 8 September

- Additional support for NCEA students due to continuing COVID disruption
- ORS Response Fund
- Weekly attendance information really matters!
- Auckland Regional Public Health (ARPHS) – translated letters for your community
- Wellbeing and mental health resource
- Prime Minister’s Vocational Excellence Award
- PLD update
- Additional teacher only days 2021
- Exams under different alert levels
- New website for employment, education and training services
- Replacement of Te Kete Ipurangi (TKI)

- Youth19 survey findings now available
- Transition Support Service – Oranga Tamariki
- Discounted government e-bike scheme

COVID-19 update - 4 September

- Cabinet decision on COVID alert levels
- Caring for Communities (C4C)
- Mental wellbeing supports for young people
- New mental health education and wellbeing resource for teachers
- Music at Alert Level 2
- Wearing of face masks/coverings on buses
- Provisional notices available from Saturday 19 September
- Feedback process and mini-pilot on draft NCEA Level 1 standards

COVID-19 update - 1 September

- Key messaging on face coverings in a school setting
- Auckland Regional Public Health (ARPHS) – letters for you and your community
- Contact tracing and self-isolation
- Reminder about assemblies at Alert Level 2
- Education outside the classroom at Alert Level 2
- Managing staff leave at Alert Level 2
- ClassroomNZ2020 free online session
- Creatives in Schools applications extended
- TeachNZ scholarship applications now open
- Gifted learners awards extended
- Awards for teachers of gifted learners now open

COVID-19 update - 28 August

- 10 things you need to know about Alert Level 2
- Common questions
- Translations of Alert Level 2 letter template – Auckland
- September roll return

COVID-19 update - 27 August

- Face coverings update
- FAQs – Face coverings in education settings
- Returning to school
- Letter template for parents – Auckland region
- Letter template for parents – the remainder of New Zealand
- Students returning to boarding schools and hostels
- Secondary winter sports week
- Preparing your classrooms for next week – travel exemptions
- Changes of grades as part of the teacher aide pay equity settlement
- Tomorrow's Bulletin

COVID-19 update - 25 August

- Face coverings
- Alert Level 3 - Auckland regional boundary restrictions
- NCEA
- Distance Learning
- First Instalment of Teacher Aide Pay Equity settlement funding

COVID-19 update - 24 August

- Health and Safety at Alert Level 2
- What has changed
- Face coverings

- Alert Level 2 information
- Who can go to school
- Who should not go to school
- Health requirements at school
- Public health measures at all alert levels
- Letter templates for parents

COVID-19 update - 21 August

- Emergency payments for the contingent workforce (12 - 26 August 2020)
- Auckland travel exemptions
- Dangerous rumour circulating once more
- Student elections update
- Learning Support hard packs
- Devices update
- Borrowing to purchase or lease IT devices
- QR code posters at all school construction sites
- Revised contractor checklist for school-led projects at Alert Levels 2 and 3
- Optional letter template for Board Chairs

COVID-19 update - 19 August

- Common questions
- Helping children and young people while they are learning at home
- Insurance cover for home learning computer devices – new supplies and existing stocks
- Handling and distribution of Ministry of Education supplied devices and hard packs
- Using Home Learning TV and Mauri Reo Mauri Ora to support your students
- Salesforce closed for hard pack orders
- Children learning from home
- Temporary change to Additional Relief Teaching Funding
- Funding for immediate costs due to COVID-19
- International Student Transition Funding

COVID-19 update - 18 August

- Voluntary flexibility for some Year 12 and 13 students to return physically to school in Alert Level 3
- Alert Level 2 common questions
- Impact of new election date on schools
- Clarity around COVID-19 test and treatment
- COVID-19 information on our parent website
- Advice around supporting international students

COVID-19 update - 17 August

- Flexibility to have senior secondary school students return under Alert Level 3
- Further funding for devices
- Auckland entry/exit exemptions
- Hard packs

COVID-19 update - 15 August

- NCEA
- Alert Level 3 information
- Who can go to school
- Who should not go to school
- Distance learning
- Health requirements at school
- Managing staff at Alert Level 3

- School transport services
- School construction projects
- Letter template for parents
- Alert Level 2 information
- Who can go to school
- Who should not go to school
- Health requirements at school
- Managing staff at Alert Level 2
- School transport services
- School construction projects
- Letter template for parents
- Information that is common to Alert Levels 2 and 3
- Public health requirements at all alert levels
- Schools connected with possible or probable cases
- Education FAQs – Face coverings: August 2020

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- Contact tracing
- What to do if there are cases connected with your school or early learning service
- Schools and early learning services are open at Alert Level 3
- Face covering
- Issuing devices at Alert Level 3
- Distance learning support
- Employment information

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- The 2020 Wellbeing Budget Package
- The Bulletins (going forward)

[COVID-19 update - 30 June](#)

- Teacher aide pay equity claim ratified and new IEA available for non-union member teacher aides
- Border exemption requests
- Reimbursement of unexpected payroll costs due to COVID-19 emergency payments
- Weekly and Termly Attendance data – key dates
- Discounted e-bikes for public sector staff
- Changes to procurement thresholds to 31 December 2020
- Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV ends Friday 3 July
- Tech Week 2020 – 27 July – 2 August
- Returning devices
- Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award

[COVID-19 update - 25 June](#)

- Revised guidance on testing for COVID-19
- Guidance - responding to cases in your community
- Professional Learning and Development Fund for Teacher Aides
- Netsafe LIVE PLD
- Out-of-zone students seeking enrolment between ballots
- Ongoing payments for property management where contracts have ceased effect
- 2020 Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards cancelled

COVID-19 update - 23 June

- COVID-19: Confirmed, probable or possible cases linked to your school
- This Thursday's webinar – junior secondary
- Clarification of 2020 school year half day reduction
- Student elections for board of trustee representatives
- Standardised learning support register (sLSR)
- Updated contracts for school-led property projects
- MSD is repeating the 'future intentions' vocational survey for Year 9-13 students

COVID-19 update - 18 June

- Support for students to go into apprenticeships
- Mental health resources for 13-18 year olds
- July Roll Return (to action)
- ACC funded teacher aides
- Modems - collection and tech support
- National Monitoring Study of Student Achievement (NMSSA)
- Improvements to the School Property Procurement section of education.govt.nz
- Operating school construction projects during COVID-19 Alert Level 1

COVID-19 update 16 June

- Two new cases of COVID-19 announced today
- Thursday's webinar: Senior secondary looking past COVID
- PLD proposals submitted in Term 1 and COVID-19 PLD support package
- Implementing the teacher aide pay equity settlement
- VLN Primary School - Registrations invited for online programmes' starting from Term 3
- SportNZ advice and guidance to support wellbeing
- Creatives in Schools
- New civics' resources for teaching and learning
- NCEA offshore and Education and Training Bill
- Te Rautaki Rawa kura – The School Property Strategy 2030
- Export Education Levy

COVID-19 update - 11 June

- Weekly Attendance Data
- Virtual Careers Expo for senior secondary students
- Online NCEA courses on ClassroomNZ2020
- Next week's webinar: Senior secondary looking past COVID
- COVID-19 Emergency payment scheme now closed
- School transport services under Alert Level 1
- Option to manage computer devices your school now owns
- Operational funding notification
- TeachNZ awards
- Update on Mauri Reo Mauri Ora
- Update on Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV
- New civics resources coming next week
- New website Kia Kotahi mō te WHAIORANGA | Unite for the RECOVERY

COVID-19 update - 8 June

- Alert Level 1
- QR Code posters
- Template letter for parents and caregivers
- Focusing on the learner! – Webinar for Primary

COVID-19 update - 4 June

- Ngā Karahipi Uru Rākau – Forestry Scholarships
- Talanoa Ako app
- 'Keep it real online' campaign
- 2019 Provisional School Leavers data
- Access discounted pricing for washroom, cleaning and hygiene products and office supplies
- Alert Level 1
- 2020 school year reduced by four half days
- Further changes to NCEA and UE (English and te reo Māori)
- ERO reviews under COVID-19
- Reimbursement of working from home costs
- Insurance cover for digital devices for students learning from home
- Improving students' connectivity

COVID-19 update - 2 June

- New Dates for Showquest, Smokefreerockquest and Tangata Beats 2020
- Future PLD application rounds
- Education outside the Classroom in Alert Level 2
- Using schools as voting places in the General Election
- Increase in number of people at gatherings

COVID-19 update - 28 May

- Pay equity for teacher aides
- New collective employment agreement for Secondary and Area School Groundstaff
- Next webinar 4 June – hauora and wellbeing
- Te reo Māori, kura and Māori medium supports
- English Language Learning Progressions (ELLP) Pathway Years 1-8 and ELLP Pathway Student Agency Record
- More information to support communicating with whānau and students about weekly attendance reporting
- Annual reporting and school audit process
- Update on reimbursement of additional COVID related payroll costs
- Clarification of working from home allowances
- Hand sanitiser – last orders by 10 June
- COVID-19 PLD support package
- NZ COVID Tracer app posters are on their way

COVID-19 update - 26 May

- Template letter to support attendance
- Alert Level 2 payment support for day relief teachers and casual staff
- COVID-19: Information for disabled people and their whānau
- Contact tracing apps
- Physical distancing on Ministry transport services
- Changes to limits on gatherings

COVID-19 update - 21 May

- New Public Health Response Order – accurate information
- Non-teaching staff collective agreements
- June Roll Return for Years 9 and above only
- School Donations Scheme and information for proprietors
- Switching from daily to weekly attendance reporting
- NZ COVID Tracer App
- Things to consider when choosing a contact tracing app

- ClassroomNZ2020 online courses
- Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV resources for teachers
- Supporting learning through Alert Level 2 and beyond

COVID-19 update - 20 May

- NZ COVID Tracer app

COVID-19 update - 19 May

- Webinars Thursday/Friday this week
- More of your questions answered
- Keeping safe in school labs during the COVID-19 pandemic
- COVID-19 contingent workforce emergency payments support – May payment
- Payments made to staff during Level 4 lockdown
- Two new learning support packs
- Alert Level 2 daily attendance reporting and staffing attendance survey
- Update on network hardware replacements in schools
- Delivery of student devices and internet modems

COVID-19 update - 15 May

- Guidance for leaders about teaching and learning at Level 2
- Tranche 1 English Medium (Years 9 and 10) hard pack orders close in Salesforce
- Webinars for wellbeing

COVID-19 update - 14 May

- Update on Stuart McNaughton's webinar on wellbeing
- Changes to NCEA address impact of COVID-19
- Welcoming children back to school
- Daily attendance SurveyMonkey reporting
- Further answers to your queries eg cleaning, food technology, gatherings etc
- Advice for parents and whānau about preparing for Alert Level 2
- Support with supplying distance learning packs and teacher connectivity
- Ministry-funded flu vaccinations
- Netsafe support for teachers
- Te reo Māori, kura and Māori medium supports
- Attendance Codes – Alert Level 2

COVID-19 update - 12 May

- Stuart McNaughton webinar on wellbeing
- Attendance and engagement for all children and young people in education
- Guidance for staff with health concerns returning to school under Alert Level 2
- Answers to more of the common questions we've received
- Public transport school services
- Alert Level 2 arrangements for secondary-tertiary and work-place learning students
- Orders close for Student Household Internet Connectivity at 5pm on 15 May
- Student attendance Strike 4 Climate – Friday 15 May

COVID-19 update - 11 May

- Prime Minister's announcement of Alert Level 2
- Answers to a couple of common questions we've received from you
- Wellbeing information and tips including upcoming webinars

COVID-19 update - 8 May

- Ministry funded flu vaccinations
- Attendance and engagement at school during Alert Level 2
- Answers to some commonly asked questions under Alert Level 2
- School transport under Alert Level 2
- PLD hours can be extended

- Internet connections & devices for learning – status update
- Home learning TV extended to support teaching and learning
- Update on hard packs for students

COVID-19 update - 7 May

- Key messages from the Prime Minister
- Welcoming all staff and students back to school
- Supporting learning
- Public Health Statement for the Education Sector from Dr Caroline McElnay, Director, Public Health, Ministry of Health
- Alert Level 2 for schools
- Guidance for schools on staff matters
- Resuming Ministry contracted school transport services
- Learning Support

COVID-19 update - 5 May

- Alert Level 2
- Continuation of contingent workforce emergency payments support
- Reimbursement for schools' device purchases
- Daily Covid-19 On Site Student Log - Additional Staffing Questions for Thursday
- Ministry guidelines of the treatment of contract variation claims from COVID-19
- Update on deliveries of English medium hard packs for Years 1-10
- Te Reo Māori, kura and Māori medium
- Students' physical attendance under Alert Level 3: Residential Special Schools
- Clarification: Students attending alternative education after they have turned 16
- School Annual Financial Reporting – Subsequent Events Disclosure Note
- Hand sanitiser use, storage and delivery

COVID-19 update - 1 May

- Planning for Alert Level 2
- Dr Payinda - what can a teacher do to decrease risk?
- Rostering teachers to bubbles
- Teacher aides supporting learners with additional learning needs in their homes
- Students physical attendance at Day Special Schools under Alert Level 3
- Ki te Ao Mārama learning pack update
- Salesforce data collection update and English medium Year 1-10 hard packs
- Alert Level 3 arrangements for secondary-tertiary and work-place learning students
- How schools across NZ are engaging with students to support distance learning
- Boarding school rolls
- Letter template to reassure parents

COVID-19 update - 28 April

- Ministry-funded flu vaccinations
- Adults to stay within one bubble
- Site poster for parents and visitors – te reo Māori version
- Distance learning information in multiple languages
- Request to re-fill your pump sanitiser bottles

COVID-19 update - 24 April

- School readiness checklist
- Site poster for parents and visitors
- Important information for teacher only days at alert level 3
- Some tips for welcoming students back under alert level 3
- Information to support parents
- What to do if you are concerned for the welfare or safety of a child

- Recruiting staff in alert level 3
- Update on English medium hard packs for Years 1-10 students
- Students with Learning Support Needs at Alert level 3
- SESTA – Specialised School Transport Assistance
- Treatment of variation claims for school construction projects
- Sparklers at Home wellbeing toolkit
- Supporting student wellbeing while students are working from home
- Ready to Read series
- Study awards for primary and secondary teachers to complete further study in the field of TESSOL
- Additional technology support for schools establishing Remote Learning

COVID-19 update - 23 April

- Wage subsidy support for hostel employees
- Specific guidance for hostels at alert level 3
- Health and safety at alert level 3
- Insurance cover for digital devices for students learning from home
- Supply of Ministry funded Sanitiser – Important update to order cut-off times
- Recording who will be coming to school and who actually attends

COVID-19 update - 22 April

- Information and advice to help you develop your approach to staffing in your school or kura when moving to Alert Level 3
- Resuming Ministry contracted school transport services under Level 3
- If you are unable to contact children and whānau on your roll
- N4L Switch-on-Safety security filter campaign

COVID-19 update - 21 April

- Control measures to deliver COVID-19 strategies: Education sector evidence review
- Accessing hand sanitiser - update
- Site preparation update
- Banking Staffing final balance letters
- Resuming Ministry contracted school transport services under Level 3
- Recommencing and operating school construction projects below COVID-19 Alert Level 4
- Salesforce change to online data
- More options for watching Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV
- Key ESOL messages for schools
- Professional support for te reo Māori, Kura and Māori medium online distance learning
- Intensive Wraparound Service (IWS)
- VLN support available for distance learning
- Education Gazette

COVID-19 update - 20 April

- Facebook live with Dr Ashley Bloomfield
- Health and safety
- Staffing
- Cleaning / Accessing hand sanitiser
- Property checklist
- Parents and caregivers
- Learning Support
- Support for distance learning
- School Transport
- Hostels

- Key dates to work to
- Summary of the types of guidance being developed

COVID-19 update - 17 April

- Health at forefront of decision making
- Health considerations for Education at alert level 3

COVID-19 update - 16 April

- Response to Prime Minister's announcement on alert level changes' guidance

COVID-19 update - 14 April

- Home learning TV starts 15 April
- Te Reo Māori, Kura and Māori medium learning
- New web portal for whānau Māori
- Talanoa Ako
- Free internet safety filter for parents; Netsafe, The Connected Learning Advisory
- Ordering hard copy subject-specific NCEA resources online now live
- Changes to requests for distance learning resources
- COVID-19 school transport payments
- Supporting students with learning support needs and distance learning
- Attendance codes
- Communications tips

COVID-19 update - 9 April

- Planning for changing COVID-19 alert levels
- National distribution of devices to state and state integrated schools
- Ordering hard copy subject-specific NCEA resources online
- Māori Medium/Rumaki
- Support for schools with international students departing from either Auckland or Christchurch International Airports
- Further advice around supporting international students
- Inclusion of teacher aides in delivering distance education
- Salesforce information gathering on student resource needs
- Reminder from Oranga Tamariki about how to help keep children and young people safe
- Additional technology support sessions for schools establishing remote learning
- "Working from home" and maintaining good cyber security practices

COVID-19 update - Minister's announcement - 8 April

- Details of the package of supports for schools and kura
- Home learning television
- Hard learning packs
- Access to devices and connectivity
- Extending access to the Virtual Learning Network Community (VLNC)

COVID-19 update - 7 April

- Education workforce pay – timesheet staff and kaimahi
- Planning for teaching and learning in Term 2
- Learning support needs and distance learning
- Supporting new enrolments (or staying in early learning)
- Collection and delivery of devices in schools
- Repatriation home of International students during lockdown
- Changes to enrolment scheme home zones / new enrolment schemes

Special Bulletin COVID-19 - 2 April

- Learning from home work programme

- Employment matters including increase to minimum wage, payment over term break, emergency payment for contingent workforce, Term 2 remote learning and contingency funding
- Wellbeing and welfare supports for your community
- PLD support
- Tips for improving connectivity

[Additional COVID-19 update - 31 March](#)

- How to keep young people safe online
- Managing a suspension during the lockdown
- Access to school and kura sites
- Essential services for aspects of education

[COVID-19 update - Employment Matters - 31 March](#)

- Income provisions available for staff
- How emergency payments will work
- Additional funding for schools and kura
- Phishing scam warning
- Who to contact about emergency payments
- Link to emergency payment FAQs

[Additional special bulletin update - 27 March](#)

- Access to school and kura sites
- COVID-19 information in additional languages
- Income support for relief teachers

[URGENT COVID-19 update - 27 March](#)

- Repatriating German students - travel arrangements

[COVID-19 update - 26 March](#)

- Key dates reminder
- Lockdown messages from the Prime Minister
- Access to schools update
- Care for children of essential workers update
- Repatriation of international students
- Boards of Trustees' role in supporting leadership
- Learning Support staff available to assist
- Wellbeing links and resources
- Supporting leaders in secondary schools and wharekura
- Supporting Te Reo Māori settings with distance learning
- Support your school to enable distance learning
- Secretary for Education given new powers
- Letter template to parents, caregivers, whānau and family
- Resources to support wellbeing and learning from home

[COVID-19 update - 25 March](#)

- State of Emergency declared
- Schools closed
- Payroll and staffing provision information
- Annual reporting and school audit process update
- Two learning from home websites now live
- NZQA plans for NCEA assessments
- Support for your school to enable distance learning
- Microsoft and Google training sessions
- Removing internet data caps
- Education Gazette online version

Important COVID-19 update - 24 March

- Contacting Education Payroll
- Updated payroll information
- Self-isolating groups - circles of care
- System backups and cyber security
- Updated Netsafe helpline hours
- Access to distance learning and devices for students
- Insurance cover for devices
- Preparing for shutting school premises
- Attendance codes

COVID-19 update - 23 March

- Moving to Alert Level 3 and then Level 4
- List of essential businesses
- School holidays brought forward
- Supporting learning from home
- School-led construction projects
- Payroll process for Level 4

COVID-19 update - 22 March

- Staffing absences
- Vulnerable people

COVID-19 update - 21 March

- Alert Level 2
- High-risk individuals
- Staffing provisions advice updated

COVID-19 update - 20 March

- Decision tool update
- Keeping kids learning and maintaining routine
- Cleaning and cleaning supplies

COVID-19 update - 19 March

- Rules on gathering do not apply to schools
- Why a school would close
- What happens if you have a confirmed case
- Decision tool for early learning and school responses
- Symptoms of COVID-19, flu and cold infographic

COVID-19 update - 18 March

- Schools remain open
- Talking to children and youth about COVID-19

COVID-19 update - 17 March

- Possible case of COVID-19 in a school
- Physical distancing
- Guidance on self-isolating
- Encouraging student attendance

COVID-19 additional update - 16 March

- Guidance on camps, assemblies and other events

COVID-19 declared a pandemic - 12 March

- Supporting parents' conversations with children

Coronavirus Update - 6 March

- COVID-19 facts
- Ministry of Health has a plan
- What you and your community can do

- What to do if someone is sick
- Stopping stigma and discrimination

[Case 3 COVID-19 announced - 5 March](#)

- Family of students in Auckland in self-isolation

[COVID-19 update - 5 March](#)

- Parent of students confirmed with COVID-19
- Facts from World Health Organisation

[Latest updates on COVID 19 - 3 March](#)

- Category 1 and 2 countries (as at 3 March)
- Hand washing to prevent spread

[Coronavirus update - 28 February](#)

- First case confirmed
- Category 1 and 2 countries (as at 28 February)
- What to do if someone has a confirmed case
- Pandemic planning
- Summary of key information

[Novel Coronavirus further information - 5 February](#)

- Current advice on new border measures
- Meaning of 'self-isolation'
- Following the Ministry of Health's advice
- Racist behaviour
- Information from Immigration New Zealand

[Updated advice on Novel Coronavirus - 30 January](#)

- New Novel coronavirus webpage

[Message from Secretary for Education re Coronavirus - 27 January](#)

- Current travel information
- Pandemic planning assistance
- Emergency Management Plan template