

COVID-19 Update

All COVID-19 requirements removed

The last remaining mandatory COVID-19 requirement of 7-day isolation period for people testing positive for COVID-19, along with the wearing of face masks for visitors to healthcare and disability facilities, has been removed as of **Monday 14 August, 11.59pm**.

Though the mandatory isolation requirement has been officially removed, we strongly recommend to stay at home for 5 days if you are feeling unwell with COVID-19 symptoms.

Wearing masks when visiting health care settings and isolating during Covid-19 is still highly recommended to prevent the spread of respiratory illness. People with a high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 will continue to be eligible for treatment with antivirals.

Key messages around recommendations for isolation and mask wearing for visitors to health and disability care settings have been developed for your information. A set of FAQs is also available.

To support these changes, Te Whatu Ora is updating its guidance materials, which are available on their website.

The Unite Against COVID-19 website, covid-19.govt.nz, as well as the Te Whatu Ora website, will be updated to include these changes to COVID-19 settings.

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