



# ARCHBISHOPS' GUIDANCE FOR TAUMATA 3 / LEVEL 3

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## LEVEL 3

THIS ADVICE IS FOR AOTEAROA-NZ AT ALERT LEVEL 3

- The following is guidance for Anglican Pāriha / Ministry Units during ALERT LEVEL 3
- This guidance should be read in conjunction with the latest Government Advice

## NGĀ TAKENGA

### KEY ACTIONS

TE REO MĀORI	ENGLISH	LEA FAKA-TONGA	GAGANA SAMOA	VOSA VAKAVITI
Me mātua 'noho kāinga tonu tātau, kia ora ai tātau'	Stay home, save lives.	Kuo pau ke tau kei 'nofo ma'u pē 'i 'api, pea fakahaofi ha ngaahi mo'ui'.	E tatau pea ona tatou 'nonofo i fale, ma faasao soifua'.	Mera taqomaki e levu e bibi meda tiko ga e vale.
Kia noho ngātahi tonu me te hunga e tino whakaraerae ana	Remain at the level of the most vulnerable.	Nofo pē 'i tu'unga 'o e tu'unga mātu'aki faka'ehi'ehi.	Matua faaeteete pe a ma'ale'ale ma aafia gofie lou Soifua Maloloina	Vakatabakidua vei ira era tiko ena vakatagedegede e bibi sara.

## NGĀ TAKE PŪ

### KEY PRINCIPLES

- **KEEP THE MOST VULNERABLE SAFE** – we should operate at the level of the most vulnerable to keep us all safe.
- **MAINTAIN YOUR BUBBLE** – we must keep our bubbles small and exclusive.
- **MAINTAIN PASTORAL CARE** – we must continue to offer pastoral care but refrain from in-person ministry. Acceptable gatherings of up to 10 people such as Tangihanga (Funerals) can be taken with the local bishop's express permission, and guarantee of social distancing, contact tracing, and hygiene.
- **ENSURE THE SAFETY OF CHURCH BUILDINGS** – church buildings should only be made available with the local bishop's express permission, and guarantee of distancing, contact tracing, and venue sanitisation.



## NGĀ PŪTAKE RATIONALE

- **ALERT LEVEL 3 RESTRICTIONS** – Under Alert Level 3 there are still significant restrictions on our day-to-day lives including keeping our bubbles small and exclusive, and limits on gathering and movement. While the risk of COVID-19 has diminished, it has not gone away. We must be even more vigilant to keep ourselves and others safe. For Government guidelines for Alert Level 3 see [covid.govt.nz](https://www.covid.govt.nz)
- **PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE** – A significant proportion of our ministers are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. This includes kaumātua (elders) and those with underlying health conditions. The risk of Māori and Pacific Island infections rates are also significantly higher (see [COVID-19 Research by Te Punaha Matatini](#)). As Anglican ministers we serve in some of the most deprived communities in Aotearoa-NZ. While we are many parts we must act as one body to keep the most vulnerable in our communities, and indeed all of us, safe.
- **SEEK YOUR BISHOP'S PERMISSION** – while up to 10 people, including a minister, can now gather for acceptable gatherings such as Tangihanga (Funerals) and Mārena (Wedding Ceremonies) we must seek the express permission of the local bishop before offering any in-person ministry or making church buildings available.

Under Health and Safety laws, local bishops are responsible for the actions of ministers licensed to them. Seeking permission and guaranteeing social distancing, contact tracing, and hygiene and sanitisation procedures can be maintained will help us to ensure that we can keep everyone—ministers, whānau, and community—safe.

## HE TOHUTOHU ANŌ FURTHER ADVICE

- **GO TO OUR WEBSITE** at [ngapuna.org.nz](https://ngapuna.org.nz) for the latest guidance on mission and ministry.

