



ARCHBISHOPS' GUIDANCE FOR TANGIHANGA / FUNERALS

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LEVEL 4

THIS ADVICE IS FOR AOTEAROA-NZ AT ALERT LEVEL 4

- The following is guidance for Anglican Ministers taking Tangihanga/Funerals during [Alert Level 4](#)
- This guidance should be read in conjunction with the [latest Ministry of Health Advice](#)

NGĀ TAKENGA

THE KEY ACTIONS

TE REO MĀORI	ENGLISH	LEA FAKA-TONGA	GAGANA SAMOA	VOSA VAKAVITI
Me matua noho ki te kāinga	Maintain the bubble of all people who share your household	Kuo pau ke ke nofo ma'u 'i 'api	E tatau ona e nofo i le fale	Ni tiko vakadua e vale
Kaua e whakawhiti rohe	No travel across or between regions	Tapu fefononga'aki ki ha feitu'u mama'o mei 'api	Taofia femalagaiga i le va o itumalo i totonu o Niu Sila	Ena sega na veilakoyaki kina vei yasana tale e so

GUIDANCE TO OFFER THE WHĀNAU PANI (BEREAVED)

Under Alert Level 4 the only available options for tangihanga and funerals are:

- **PROMPT LOCAL BURIAL** – working with urupā (cemetery) trustees, and/or funeral directors on expectations for interment;
- **“CREMATE & WAIT”** – opting for cremation and interring the ashes later, when advised safe to do so;
- **HOLD IN A SAFE PLACE** – working with the funeral director to see if the option for storing the tūpāpaku (deceased) at a funeral home or other approved facility is possible, with cremation and/or interment later when advised safe to do so.



TE MANAAKI I TE WHĀNAU PANI CARING FOR THE BEREAVED

- **WHĀNAU ATTENDANCE AT A FUNERAL SERVICE** – whānau in the same ‘bubble’ as the tūpāpaku (deceased) can be part of a funeral service held at their home, at a funeral director’s premises (chapel or hall), at a crematorium and/or cemetery.
- **ATTENDANCE OF A MINISTER AT A FUNERAL SERVICE** – a minister from outside the ‘bubble’ is **not permitted** to be present at a funeral service under Alert Level 4.
- **PROVIDING A FUNERAL SERVICE FROM ‘OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE’** – while a minister from outside the ‘bubble’ is not permitted to be physically present, they can provide pastoral care and support in various ways, including providing electronic resources, and/or leading karakia and prayer by phone or via the internet.

Ministers can provide whānau the option of holding a memorial service at a church or kawemate at a marae at a later date when advised safe to do so.

- **PROVIDING PASTORAL CARE FOR GRIEVING WHĀNAU** – many people will be unable to attend tangihanga and funerals during Alert Level 4, and will suffer as a result. They can be prayed for and comforted by phone or via the internet, and where considered helpful be pointed to karakia and prayer resources and other forms of support online. Some of these are available on the ngapuna.org.nz website.

TE MAHI TAHI ME NGĀ KAITIAKI TŪPĀPAKU WORKING WITH FUNERAL DIRECTORS

- **STAY IN TOUCH** with your local funeral directors as they will be able to explain what they are currently able to do.
- **PLEASE TAKE NOTE** of current Government guidelines available on their website covid19.govt.nz, and advice from local Council, Iwi, and Health authorities.

HE TOHUTOHU ANŌ FURTHER ADVICE

- **GO TO OUR WEBSITE** at ngapuna.org.nz for the latest guidance on funerals and other ministry matters.

