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Alert Level 2: band practices and meetings

The Government today announced Alert Level 2 will apply nationwide from Thursday 14 May.

<https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-system/alert-level-2/#play-it-safe>.

Band practices, meetings and other gatherings can re-commence from this Thursday 14th May with the following restrictions –

- There should be no more than 10 people in any one group. However, more than 10 people in total may be present at one venue, as long as they are in separate groups of up to 10 and the groups do not intermingle: e.g. drummers and pipers may be in separate rooms.
- The practice/meeting must be no longer than 2 hours.
- A written record of attendees must be kept for contact tracing purposes.
- Recommended hygiene and sanitation practices should be followed: see below.
- Physical distancing from each other should be maintained, 1 metre minimum.

Anyone feeling unwell, or who may have had contact with anyone who may be infected, should not attend any band related activities.

Cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces in band halls should follow the recommendations of the Ministry of Health: [Ministry of Health General cleaning information-covid-19](#). Pipers should be extra careful and not share instruments and follow basic hygiene when emptying water traps and maintaining pipes.

Tutors should advise students not to attend lessons if they are feeling unwell or may have been in contact with someone who has. Tutors need to take extra care to ensure they follow safe hygiene practices.

Below is a reminder of Ministry of Health advice:

- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or by covering your mouth and nose with tissues.
- Put used tissues in the bin or a bag immediately.
- Wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds).
- Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
- Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.
- Avoid personal contact, such as kissing, sharing cups or food with sick people.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as doorknobs.
- Stay home if you feel unwell.
- Call Healthline on [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453) if you have any symptoms.

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