

Mandatory record keeping to be introduced to events and businesses

As a response to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak in New Zealand, the government are introducing mandatory record keeping for large events and businesses. The aim of these measures is to make contact tracing much easier when a positive case of COVID is discovered in the community.

All places where people gather consistently and in large numbers will be included in the mandatory record keeping, meaning that it will be compulsory for people to scan and/or sign into the premises. This will include cafes, restaurants, bars, casinos, concerts, aged care and healthcare facilities, barbers, exercise facilities, nightclubs, libraries, courts, local and central government agencies and social services providers with customer service counters.

Record keeping for social gatherings at maraes, weddings, funerals, tangihanga and faith-based services are already required to record keep at Alert Level 2, but it will now be compulsory at any Alert Level.

A focus has been placed on facilities and locations where mask-wearing isn't practical, such as when food and drink is served, but it's been confirmed that retail will not be included in this, as the requirements have been seen to be too onerous for small business owners.

Operating at Alert Level 4

At [Alert Level 4](#) you must stay home, unless you are:

- shopping for groceries;
- accessing necessary healthcare;
- getting a COVID-19 test;
- exercising in your local area; or
- going to work, but only if you are working in an Alert Level 4 service and cannot work from home.

You must wear a face covering and keep 2 metres of physical distance from others when leaving your home.

Resources:

Alert Level 4 <<https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/alert-level-4/>> Unite Against COVID-19

Record keeping to become mandatory for most events and businesses <<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/record-keeping-become-mandatory-most-events-and-businesses>> 22 August 2021

Record keeping to become mandatory for most events and businesses <<https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/latest-updates/record-keeping-to-become-mandatory-for-most-events-and-businesses/>> 22 August 2021

Covid 19 coronavirus Delta outbreak: Record-keeping to become mandatory in all levels <<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/covid-19-coronavirus-delta-outbreak-record-keeping-to-become-mandatory-in-all-levels/CC2UB6743IT3WZXMDRCF7WXTNE/>> 22 August 2021