

Waitangi Tribunal COVID-19 Level 1 protocol

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1. This protocol will take effect when New Zealand, or any region of New Zealand, is at Level 1 of the Covid-19 Alert System. It should be read in conjunction with the Government's Covid-19 Alert System Level 1 measures.
2. At Level 1, the Waitangi Tribunal will carry out all of its scheduled work and return to normal operation.
3. The use of remote participation will remain available for use in appropriate cases, to be determined by Presiding Officers on a case-by-case basis.

Filing and Fees

4. Filing of applications and other Tribunal documents may be made either in person at the Tribunal counter or electronically at Level 1.

Hygiene

5. If an applicant, respondent, counsel or any other persons required or proposing to attend a Tribunal hearing, conference or other event are unwell, they should not attend in person. If this applies, the presiding judge should be advised so that alternative arrangements for the appearance may be made.
6. For all parties in attendance at a Tribunal hearing, physical distancing, the wearing of masks and the use of the NZ COVID Tracer App or a personal record to track your attendance is strongly encouraged.
7. The Ministry of Justice will provide the hygiene measures described [on their website](#).
8. Any concerns about health and safety practices at a Tribunal hearing, conference or other event should be raised with the Tribunal Registrar in the first instance.

Community transmission response

9. At Alert Level 1, it remains possible that a new cluster of Covid-19 community transmission may be confirmed within the location served by the Tribunal. In that event the Tribunal will rely on official advice. Steps may be taken to reduce in-person attendances at Tribunal events to help protect those working or appearing there. The extent of any reduction will depend on the circumstances and official advice or notices.
10. If a location is required to return to Alert Level 2, 3 or 4, the Tribunal is now better equipped for remote participation.

Chairperson Wilson Isaac

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