

Schooling and Early Learning Education detail for Alert Levels 2, 3 and 4

	Alert Level 2	Alert Level 3	Alert Level 4
<i>General principle</i>	<p>Schools and early learning centres can open.</p> <p>Early learning centres and schools are open for all children. Distance learning is available for those unable to attend school (eg self-isolating).</p> <p>Any educational facilities connected to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 must close on an individual or group basis for 72 hours to allow contact tracing and cleaning, and then potentially for a further 14 days.</p>	<p>Early learning centres and schools are open for children up to year 10, with appropriate public health measures in place.</p> <p>If there is a parent or caregiver available to look after children at home, stay at home.</p> <p>Children at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 must stay home wherever possible.</p> <p>Early learning centres will be open. If there is a parent or caregiver available to look after children at home, stay at home. Children will not be able to attend play centres and play groups. Home based care, education and supervision of young children for more than one family in a home if public health control measures can be implemented.</p> <p>Primary and intermediate schools are open. If there is a parent or caregiver available to look after children at home and school children have access to distance learning, continue education at home. Distance learning is available for those not attending school (eg self-isolating or parent at home).</p> <p>Secondary schools are open for young people in years 9 and 10 who may not be able to stay at home by themselves. If there is a parent or caregiver available to look after children at home, stay at home. All young people in years 11-13 continue to learn from home.</p> <p>Initially the number of children or young people must be limited to 10 in a group, but this can be increased to 20 once all processes are running smoothly.</p> <p>Any educational facilities connected to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 must close on an individual or group basis for 72 hours to allow contact tracing and cleaning, and then potentially for a further 14 days.</p>	<p>All educational facilities closed.</p> <p>All schools engaged in some form of distance learning.</p> <p>School hostel (where international students cannot return home and/or it is not safe for domestic students to return home) accommodation can remain open in only these circumstances.</p>
<i>Early learning Services</i>	<p>Early learning centres able to operate with most of their roll but may be restricted by increased space per child requirements, the size of their site, and their ability to meet public health requirements</p> <p>All other forms of early learning will be able to open on-site including play centres and play groups</p> <p>Home-based services will be able to operate</p> <p>In all cases public health requirements about space, hygiene, cleanliness must be met</p> <p>PPE not required or recommended as necessary in any educational facility by the Public Health Service</p>	<p>Early learning centres will be open but with a restricted roll to meet public health measures. If there is a parent or caregiver available to look after children at home, children and young people are encouraged to continue their education at home. Home based Early Learning activities can resume with multiple families' children looked after in one location including the educators' own children– provided the public health measures also observed.</p> <p>Staff who are at risk of getting a severe illness from COVID-19 are encouraged to stay at home due to lack of ability to physically distance from young children.</p> <p>Specific public health measures to reduce the chances of respiratory infections including COVID-19 to be taken in early learning centres are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor temperature which is currently a minimum of 16 degrees Celsius needs to be increased to 18 degrees Celsius. This minimum must be met. • Increase the minimum licensed indoor space for children from 2.5m per child to at least 3m per child. Outdoor requirement of 5m remains. The actual number in a facility to be determined according to the ability to manage the space requirements and other public health measures. Initially the number of children must be limited to 10 in an early learning bubble, but this can be increased to 20 once all processes are running smoothly. There can be multiple early learning bubbles on a site but there must be no mixing between bubbles (working this through) • Parents are asked to keep any sick children at home. If a sick child comes to the centre, send them home. • Ensure all children regularly wash and dry their hands. • Ensure hand sanitiser is available but teachers/staff supervise its location and use in order to avoid a child accidentally drinking it. • Put in place staggered entry and exit times to avoid all children coming into or exiting the centre all at once and parental drop-off at entrance to limit numbers entering site. • Ensure that children have their own food containers and do not give and take food to and from each other. Food can be supplied in accordance with public health guidance. • Meal breaks should be staggered. • Put away any toys that cannot be easily wiped down or cleaned frequently. • Disinfect and clean all surfaces daily. <p>PPE is not required or recommended as necessary in any educational facility by the Public Health Service.</p> <p>Contact tracing registers must be set up to record who is on site in each physical space each day, who visits eg parents.</p>	<p>All educational facilities closed.</p>
<i>Schools</i>	<p>All schools are open on site for all year levels but may not be able fully accommodate all students on site and may still require some distance learning. Schools will be able to accommodate more students than in Level 3 but</p>	<p>Schools are physically open to cater on site for years 1- 10 students and distance learning is available for all. Schools will teach students year 11-13 through distance learning. If there is a parent or caregiver available to look after children at home and school children have access to distance learning, children are encouraged to stay at home.</p>	<p>Extensive support for distance learning in place from 15 April 2020, combination of online, hard pack curriculum material and Education TV offerings to support schools and early learning centres.</p>

	<p>face some physical limitations with public health measures.</p> <p>Residential Specialist Schools and Day Specialist Schools can fully resume for children to attend.</p> <p>School hostels fully return to occupation as physical distancing allows</p> <p>Ministry staff supplemented by resource teachers and school staff continue to support children with learning support needs by phone and Skype where their health status requires them to stay isolated.</p> <p>Children return to specialist schools and their satellite units.</p> <p>School transport able to increase as the number of students increases.</p> <p>The Food in Schools Programmes would be able to be fully operational provided the rules are observed.</p> <p>OSCAR programmes can open.</p> <p>An increased number of school redevelopment and construction projects may be able to resume if the requirements of Alert Level 2 can be met.</p> <p>PPE not required or recommended as necessary in any educational facility by the Public Health Service</p>	<p>Schools may need to build their onsite rolls up over time as they become confident in managing the public health requirements and depending on the availability of the teaching workforce. Schools will open at least a week after the alert level changes. In practice some may take longer to be open for students.</p> <p>Staff who are have a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are able to come to school but may also choose not to do so and to continue to work from home.</p> <p>Residential Specialist Schools and Day Specialist Schools will not resume in the early stages of Level 3 for children to physically attend. Teaching staff can return to the school premises and support parents and children at home and can develop plans for a return to physical onsite presence with parents if public health measures can be managed for later in the Alert Level 3 period.</p> <p>Students enrolled at a Day Special School but attending a satellite unit in a local school may be considered for onsite attendance as part of the host school's roll build up over time.</p> <p>Specific public health measures to be taken in schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents are asked to keep any sick children at home. If a sick child comes to school, send them home. • Hand sanitiser at entry to classrooms and in bathrooms. • Staggered entry times into classes with one time for school transport to minimise gatherings of children or parents. • Breaks should be staggered as should starts and finishes to the day, and bubbles cannot mix during breaks. • Initially the number of children must be limited to 10 in a school bubble, but this can be increased to 20 once all processes are running smoothly. There can be multiple school bubbles in a physical space but there must be distance between bubbles and strictly no mixing between school bubbles (working this through).To support contact tracing students should sit in the same place each day, with 1m physical distance between all children, young people and staff. Must maintain 2 metre physical distance outside and 1m inside during breaks and 1m on school transport. • Physical education classes and breaktime activities cannot include sports with <2m physical distance or where the same equipment is touched by different students (balls, ropes, sticks, etc). • Disinfect and clean all surfaces daily. • Contact tracing registers must be set up and identify which children are in each teaching space, record when and who they have contact with during the day if that changes. This includes recording who the adults are in contact with as well as recording any visitors to the site, including parents. <p>School hostels may be able to operate noting some currently are in Alert Level 4 to support international students and some domestic students who could not return home). However each hostel will have a plan for a graduated return of students and will work with parents to ensure that public health requirements are met. This is likely to mean there may be some return of students later in the Alert 3 period.</p> <p>Ministry staff supplemented by resource teachers continue to support children with learning support needs by phone and Skype. Teacher aides return to school to provide onsite support to teachers and children</p> <p>Limited school transport able to return.</p> <p>Food in Schools Programmes will start provided public health considerations can be managed.</p> <p>OSCAR programmes are still closed (to reduce the risk of mixing between different groups of children).</p> <p>Some school redevelopment and construction projects may be able to resume if the requirements of Alert Level 3 can be met.</p> <p>PPE not required or recommended as necessary in any educational facility by the Public Health Service</p>	<p>No access to school sites unless approved under exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>Ministry staff together with resource teachers supporting children with learning support needs via Skype and phone.</p>
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