



# WET Traffic Light Covid-19 Management Plan

## Information for Course Participants

This information is for all participants on a group course at the Wangapeka Study and Retreat Centre and should be read alongside the policy statement of the Wangapeka Educational Trust (WET) Traffic Light Covid-19 Management Plan (this document can be found [here](#)).

The participants on a group course are:

- anyone who registers to attend a group course
- any teacher of a group course
- any cook on a group course
- any other helper or other person who is part of a group course

We are very fortunate to be able to run residential courses and retreats during a global pandemic. We can only do this -legally and ethically- if we can provide a safe environment for all participants. It is impossible to guarantee that Covid-19 will not arrive at the Centre and be spread among course participants. The aim of the WET Covid-19 Policy is to keep the risk of that to a minimum, and to plan for what to do if it does happen.

Before the course begins the Office Caretaker will send you the WET Covid-19 Policy, which you must read. The Course Manager will ask you to:

- 1 Provide your **vaccine passport** for verification, to show that you are fully vaccinated (i.e., at least 2 shots) or are medically exempt.
- 2 Complete a **self-screen statement** in the week before the course begins, which confirms that you:
  - do not have Covid-19 or any [symptoms of Covid-19](#).
  - are not awaiting the results of a Covid-19 test.
  - have not been in close contact with anyone who has Covid-19 or symptoms of Covid-19, or who is awaiting a Covid-19 test result.

### 3 Prepare and provide an **isolation plan**.

This plan needs to outline how you will get home (or somewhere else safe) to self-isolate if there's an outbreak of Covid-19 at the Centre. If a course participant tested positive for Covid-19, everyone else on the course is likely to be required to get tested and self-isolate for between 7 and 10 days.

Talk to the Course Manager if you need help working out a plan (for instance, if you don't have your own transport to the Centre). The Centre could only cater for a limited number of people self-isolating at the Centre, but it is a possibility for those who have no alternative. A Course Manager may refuse to accept an isolation plan that does not appear to be viable, so make sure you have thought this through carefully.

A Course Manager may require additional protective measures during the course and will tell you about these before the course begins. They may include a requirement to wear masks or practice social distancing for all or part of the course, or limit the numbers who can use bathrooms or other areas at any one time. If you are required to wear masks they must be pharmacy-level masks, as these are much more effective than home-made ones. The Centre will have supplies of these but would be grateful if you can bring your own.

If you find that you cannot agree to abide by the WET Traffic Light Covid-19 Management Plan or any additional protective measures, or that you can't confirm the self-screening questions, you must withdraw from the course. Any fees paid, other than the non-refundable deposit, will be refunded (though the deposit will be refunded on request if the reason you can't come is because you can't complete the self-screening test, or there are exceptional circumstances).

When you arrive at the Centre your vaccine passport will be confirmed if it hasn't been already. You will be asked to again confirm the self-screening questions, and the Course Manager will check that your isolation plan is still viable.

It is essential that you come to the Centre only if:

- you have read and agree to abide by the WET Traffic Light Covid-19 Management Plan.
- you recognise that you will be sharing spaces and facilities (bathrooms, dining and teaching spaces) with others, as you would if you were in a shared household. For that reason it is impossible to run a retreat at the Centre without risking transmission of Covid-19 should anyone who is infected join the course.
- you recognise that there may be unvaccinated staff or volunteers at the Centre (though they will not have direct contact or share indoor spaces with you and will generally keep well away from the main hall, where and any accommodation units where participants are staying).
- you recognise that the Centre cannot provide isolation facilities for more than a few individuals at a time, which is why you must be prepared to leave the property immediately to self-isolate if required to do so, unless special arrangements have been made in advance with the Course Manager.