



WET Covid-19 Management Plan

April 2022

This revised WET Covid Management Plan replaces the WET Traffic Light Covid-19 Management Plan that applied in late 2021 and early 2022.

It applies from 4 April 2022 to all retreats held at the Wangapeka Study and Retreat Centre.

The rationale for the policy is that we want all people who come to the Centre to feel safe and particularly to minimise the risk that they will catch Covid-19 while on retreat. It is also designed to ensure that the Centre can continue to run its programme of retreats and other activities.

The main feature of this policy is that it no longer requires people to be vaccinated. Instead, everyone who comes to the Centre for a retreat must have had a negative Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) before they arrive.

The detailed policies set out below are the minimum requirements for all courses. Individual Course Managers may adopt more stringent measures, as long as they discuss them with the Caretakers first and explain them to course participants.

A Requirement for Rapid Antigen Test

1. All course participants must have had a negative RAT within 24 hours before arriving at the Centre. They must have proof of this (eg, a photo of the test result) to show the course manager either before or on arrival.
2. Everyone who is at the Centre when a retreat starts must also take a RAT in the 24 hours before the retreat starts, and can only remain at the Centre if the test is

negative. This applies, for instance, to the Caretakers and all volunteers, and to the Teacher, Course Manager and cook.

3. Once a retreat starts, the Caretaker must use their common sense to decide whether any other person (eg, TDC staff, hunters) who comes to the Centre must take a RAT, or if the risk can be managed in another way, such as by ensuring they keep away from others at the Centre.
4. Course participants should be encouraged by the Course Manager to bring 2 or 3 RATs with them to the Centre in case they need to test themselves during the retreat.

B Getaway Plan (previously called “isolation plan”)

1. Everyone who comes on retreat must have a plan for what to do if they get Covid while at the Centre. This plan needs to be discussed and agreed with the Course Manager before the retreat starts.
2. If someone gets Covid during a retreat, everyone else on the retreat is likely to be treated as a household contact. Everyone will need to isolate for however long the Government currently requires. If the period of isolation goes beyond the end of the retreat, people need a plan for how to return home without contacting anyone else on the way.
3. The Centre cannot have sick or isolating people staying on at the Centre after a retreat finishes.

C Solo retreats

The same basic rules apply as per the above, a solo retreatant must have a negative Covid test within 24 hours before arrival, and must have a getaway plan. This is in addition to the standard policies for people doing solo retreats.