



The Right Honourable Dame Helen Winkelmann

CHIEF JUSTICE OF NEW ZEALAND | TE TUMU WHAKAWĀ O AOTEAROA

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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR COURTS OF NEW ZEALAND

On 22 February 2021 the Government announced that Auckland would move to join the rest of New Zealand at COVID-19 Alert Level 1 from 11.59 pm tonight.

This statement explains the approach the courts will take in Auckland from Tuesday 23 February 2021, and the arrangements that continue for the rest of the country.

### AUCKLAND COURTS

Auckland High Court, Auckland District Court, Waitakere District Court, Manukau District Court and the North Shore District Court will move to COVID-19 Alert Level 1 from Tuesday 23 February. This will bring Auckland courts in line with the rest of the country. COVID-19 Alert Level 1 protocols will apply.

### ALERT LEVEL 1

#### *General safety arrangements*

Whānau and other support people, and members of the public, are permitted to attend court at COVID-19 Alert Level 1 and do not need the permission of a judge to do this.

Everyone attending court is strongly encouraged to track where they have been, using the QR code or a personal record.

Wearing a mask and practising physical distancing continues to be encouraged.

Enhanced cleaning regimes will be maintained, and soap, towels, sanitiser and personal protective equipment will continue to be readily available.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Chief Justice thanks the members of the public who have continued to serve as jurors in the High Court and District Court during the heightened alert levels.

Helen Winkelmann

**Chief Justice | Te Tumu Whakawā**

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