



The Right Honourable Dame Helen Winkelmann

CHIEF JUSTICE OF NEW ZEALAND | TE TUMU WHAKAWĀ O AOTEAROA

29 June 2021

MEDIA STATEMENT

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COURTS OF NEW ZEALAND

On Tuesday 29 June 2021 the Government announced that Wellington, Kāpiti Coast and Wairarapa 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 from Wednesday 30 June onwards.

ALL COURTS

All courts will operate under their Alert Level 1 protocol. These can be found at [Courts of New Zealand](#).

“All court participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the measures that are in place to keep our courts operating safely,” the Chief Justice said.

ALERT LEVEL 1

At Alert Level 1 the courts will be open to the public.

Everyone attending court is encouraged to track where they have been, using the QR code and switching on Bluetooth tracing, or keep a personal record.

Do not come to court if you are sick. Contact 0800 COURTS (0800 268 787) if you cannot attend court or are not sure whether to attend.

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

Helen Winkelmann

Chief Justice | Te Tumu Whakawā

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The COVID-19 Protocols for the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Court, District Court – including Family Court and Youth Court, Employment Court, Māori Land Court, Waitangi Tribunal, Environment Court, Coroners Court and the Court Martial and Summary Appeal Court – can be found on the Courts of New Zealand website.

The [Ministry of Justice Health-and-Safety-factsheet-COVID-19](#) has information about the measures it is taking to ensure health and safety in courthouses at Alert Level 1.

