

National Youth Theatre Covid-19 Activity Levels

Summary for the Board

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	Government Recommendations	NYT Actions
<p>Level 4 – Lockdown Likely that disease is not contained.</p> <p>Risk assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community transmission is occurring. • Widespread outbreaks and new clusters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People instructed to stay at home (in their bubble) other than for essential personal movement. • Safe recreational activity is allowed in local area. • Travel is severely limited. • All gatherings cancelled and all public venues closed. • Businesses closed except for essential services (eg supermarkets, pharmacies, clinics, petrol stations) and lifeline utilities. • Educational facilities closed. • Rationing of supplies and requisitioning of facilities possible. • Reprioritisation of healthcare services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYT Offices closed • All staff/contractors working from home • All “in person” rehearsals and performances cancelled at least six weeks ahead • School Holiday programmes cancelled at least six weeks ahead • Online delivery of rehearsal material where possible/necessary.

**Level 3 –
Restrict**

High risk that disease is not contained.

Risk assessment

- Community transmission might be happening.
- New clusters may emerge but can be controlled through testing and contact tracing.

- People instructed to stay home in their bubble other than for essential personal movement – including to go to work, school if they have to or for local recreation.
 - Physical distancing of two metres outside home (including on public transport), or one metre in controlled environments like schools and workplaces.
 - Bubbles must stay within their immediate household bubble, but can expand this to reconnect with close family/whānau, or bring in caregivers, or support isolated people. This extended bubble should remain exclusive.
 - Schools (years 1 to 10) and Early Childhood Education centres can safely open, but will have limited capacity. Children should learn at home if possible.
 - People must work from home unless that is not possible.
 - Businesses can open premises, but cannot physically interact with customers.
 - Low risk local recreation activities are allowed.
 - Public venues are closed, eg libraries, museums, cinemas, food courts, gyms, pools, playgrounds, markets.
 - Gatherings of up to 10 people are allowed but only for wedding services, funerals and tangihanga. Physical distancing and public health measures must be maintained.
 - Healthcare services use virtual, non-contact consultations where possible.
 - Inter-regional travel is highly limited, eg for essential workers, with limited exemptions for others.
 - People at high risk of severe illness (older people and those with existing medical conditions) are encouraged to stay at home where possible, and take additional precautions when leaving home. They may choose to work.
- NYT Offices closed
 - All staff/contractors working from home
 - All “in person” rehearsals cancelled to a minimum of four weeks ahead
 - School Holiday programmes and performances with audiences cancelled at least six weeks ahead
 - Online delivery of rehearsal material where possible/necessary.
 - Performances only via livestream or recording from within each cast member’s bubble.

<p>Level 2 – Reduce The disease is contained, but the risk of community transmission remains.</p> <p>Risk assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household transmission could be occurring Single or isolated cluster outbreaks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical distancing of 1 metre outside home (including on public transport). Gatherings of up to 100 people indoors and 500 outdoors allowed while maintaining physical distancing and contact tracing requirements. Sport and recreation activities are allowed if conditions on gatherings are met, physical distancing is followed and travel is local. Public venues can open but must comply with conditions on gatherings, and undertake public health measures. Health services operate as normally as possible. Most businesses open, and business premises can be open for staff and customers with appropriate measures in place. Alternative ways of working encouraged, eg remote working, shift-based working, physical distancing, staggering meal breaks, flexible leave. Schools and Early Childhood Education centres open, with distance learning available for those unable to attend school eg self-isolating. People advised to avoid non-essential inter-regional travel. People at high risk of severe illness (older people and those with existing medical conditions) are encouraged to stay at home where possible, and take additional precautions when leaving home. They may choose to work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NYT Offices open if required, staff encouraged to work from home where possible. With schools reopened, rehearsals are possible on a rostered basis to allow for physical distancing. We are in an ideal position to contact trace if necessary, knowing exactly who is in the rehearsal room at any point. If rostered rehearsals take place, we would livestream each Sunday to allow those not physically present to still take part. School holiday programmes possible based on demand. An assessment would be made per venue on appropriate maximum capacity for each team, rescheduling to avoid full group activities. All rehearsals and activities would be run under the NYT requirements below. All performances with audiences cancelled. Performances involving groups of less than 100 could be livestreamed, under the NYT requirements below.
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<p>Level 1 – Prepare The disease is contained in New Zealand.</p> <p>Risk assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 is uncontrolled overseas. • Isolated household transmission could be occurring in New Zealand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Border entry measures to minimise risk of importing COVID-19 cases. • Intensive testing for COVID-19. • Rapid contact tracing of any positive case. • Self-isolation and quarantine required. • Schools and workplaces open, and must operate safely. • Physical distancing encouraged. • No restrictions on gatherings. • Stay home if you're sick, report flu-like symptoms. • Wash and dry your hands, cough into your elbow, don't touch your face. • No restrictions on domestic transport – avoid public transport or travel if you're sick. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYT Offices open • Risk assessment to take place on whether to resume usual rehearsals, or roster as above.. We are in an ideal position to contact trace if necessary, knowing exactly who is in the rehearsal room at any point. • If rostered rehearsals take place, we would livestream each Sunday to allow those not physically present to still take part. • School holiday programmes possible based on demand. An assessment would be made per venue on appropriate maximum capacity, with the possibility of avoiding full group activities. • All rehearsals and activities would be run under the NYT requirements below. • Assessment of the possibility of performances with audiences, based on best advice from Auckland Live as venue manager, and industry recommendations of best practice at the time.
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NYT Requirements for “in-person” rehearsals/performances (Level 1 or 2)

1. Adhere to Hygiene Guidelines
2. Ensure that no high-risk people enter the venue
3. Make alternative online resources available to those unwell or self-isolating
4. Ensure accurate roll is taken
5. Ensure the venue has extensive signage and information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19
6. Ensure the venue has an up to date cleaning schedule and soap and hand sanitiser is available and is consistently refilled
7. Ensure all staff are properly briefed on all information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19