

# National Youth Theatre Covid-19 Activity Levels

Summary for the Board

Updated February 17 2021

	<b>Government Recommendations</b>	<b>NYT Actions</b>
<p><b>Level 4 – Lockdown</b> Likely that disease is not contained.</p> <p><b>Risk assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustained and intensive community transmission is occurring.</li> <li>• Widespread outbreaks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People instructed to stay at home (in their bubble) other than for essential personal movement.</li> <li>• Safe recreational activity is allowed in local area.</li> <li>• Travel is severely limited.</li> <li>• All gatherings cancelled and all public venues closed.</li> <li>• Businesses closed except for essential services (eg supermarkets, pharmacies, clinics, petrol stations) and lifeline utilities.</li> <li>• Educational facilities closed.</li> <li>• Rationing of supplies and requisitioning of facilities possible.</li> <li>• Reprioritisation of healthcare services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NYT Offices closed</li> <li>• All staff/contractors working from home</li> <li>• All “in person” rehearsals and performances cancelled. Future rehearsals and performance cancelled six weeks ahead, unless government advice suggests potential move to Level 2 by that time.</li> <li>• School Holiday programmes cancelled six weeks ahead unless government advice suggests potential move to Level 2 by that time.</li> <li>• Online delivery of rehearsal material where possible/necessary.</li> </ul>

**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 office closed
  - All staff/contractors working from home
  - All “in person” rehearsals cancelled for the period of the restriction.
  - School Holiday programmes and performances with audiences cancelled for the period of the restriction.
  - Online delivery of rehearsal material where possible/necessary.
  - Performances only via livestream or recording from within each cast member’s bubble.

**Level 2 – Reduce**

The disease is contained, but the risk of community transmission remains.

**Risk assessment**

- Household transmission could be occurring
- Single or isolated cluster outbreaks.

- Keep your distance when outside your home.
- You should keep a distance of at least:
  - 2 metres in public and in retail stores, like supermarkets and clothes shops
  - 1 metre in most other places like workplaces, cafes, restaurants and gyms.
- Social gatherings can go ahead at Alert Level 2 with up to 100 people in a defined space. Workers providing services to a social gathering are not included in the 100 person limit. Social gatherings include community club and sports activities.
- Sport and recreation activities are allowed if conditions on gatherings are met, physical distancing is followed and travel is local.
- Reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission at work.
- All businesses can operate if they can do so safely. Alternative ways of working are encouraged where possible.
- Talk with your staff to identify risks and ways to manage them.
- Ask everyone – workers, contractors and customers – with cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms to stay away from your premises.
- Keep workers 1 metre apart and customers in retail businesses 2 metres apart.
- Businesses are legally required to display a QR code and provide an alternative contact tracing system.
- Face coverings are strongly encouraged if you are in close contact with others.
- Reduce the number of shared surfaces, and regularly disinfect them.
- Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.

- NYT office open.
- With schools reopened, rehearsals are possible, ensuring groups of less than 100 (not including staff, as per government advice), and ensuring physical distancing. We are in an ideal position to contact trace if necessary, knowing exactly who is in the rehearsal room at any point.
- Live streams will be available as an alternative to allow those not physically present at rehearsal to still take part – if quarantining, high-risk, or unwell.
- School holiday programmes run based on demand. An assessment will be made per venue on appropriate maximum capacity.
- All rehearsals and activities will be run under the general 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.
- Performances involving groups of less than 100 could be livestreamed, under the NYT requirements below.

<p><b>Level 1 – Prepare</b> The disease is contained in New Zealand.</p> <p><b>Risk assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 is uncontrolled overseas.</li> <li>• Isolated household transmission could be occurring in New Zealand.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Border entry measures to minimise risk of importing COVID-19 cases.</li> <li>• Intensive testing for COVID-19.</li> <li>• Rapid contact tracing of any positive case.</li> <li>• Self-isolation and quarantine required.</li> <li>• Schools and workplaces open, and must operate safely.</li> <li>• Physical distancing encouraged.</li> <li>• No restrictions on gatherings.</li> <li>• Stay home if you're sick, report flu-like symptoms.</li> <li>• Wash and dry your hands, cough into your elbow, don't touch your face.</li> <li>• No restrictions on domestic transport – avoid public transport or travel if you're sick.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NYT office open</li> <li>• Rehearsals will take place as usual. We are in an ideal position to contact trace if necessary, knowing exactly who is in the rehearsal room at any point.</li> <li>• Materials to be made available online to ensure those who miss rehearsals due to illness or quarantine can still participate fully.</li> <li>• School holiday programmes will run as usual.</li> <li>• All rehearsals and activities will be run under the NYT requirements below.</li> <li>• Performances will proceed as usual.</li> </ul>
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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