

COVID – 19 Waka Ama NZ Pānui - 23 March 2020

Kia ora koutou

As you will be aware the prime minister has announced an immediate lift in the Covid-19 alert status from level two to level three, with a lift to level four in 48 hours. It will stay that way for at least four weeks.

This is what that means:

- People instructed to stay at home
- Educational facilities closed
- Businesses closed except for essential services (e.g. supermarkets, pharmacies, clinics) and lifeline utilities
- Rationing of supplies and requisitioning of facilities
- Travel severely limited
- Major reprioritisation of healthcare services

This will have a significant impact on our waka ama whānau but for the safety of yourself, your whānau and wider community **we are advising all our waka ama whānau to stay home and to cancel all club and team trainings/events for the next four weeks.**

All events on the waka ama calendar in the next four weeks will be cancelled/postponed, and if the shutdown is extended further, those events outside of the four-week shutdown will be cancelled/postponed also.

You can stay up to date with the latest information and advice from the New Zealand Ministry of Health here: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

There is also a dedicated Government website where you can find all essential information <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

If you have any direct concerns regarding COVID-19, you can call the dedicated Healthline for free on 08003585453 (or +64 9 358 5453 if you're using an international SIMS)

Our Waka Ama New Zealand office will be open remotely, please don't hesitate to contact us at admin@wakaama.co.nz We will be keeping Intouch with you via social media and club emails.

This is a challenging and unprecedented time for Aotearoa and for our Waka Ama community, and fortunately we have each other. Please be safe and be kind, we look forward to seeing all our waka ama whānau back on the water soon

Ngā manaakitanga ki a koutou katoa

Kind regards



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