

Play, active recreation and sport at Alert Level 3 - Step 2



Your Alert Level will depend on where you are in New Zealand.

The current Alert Level for your region can be found at <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19/restrictions/current-alert-level/>

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Alert Level 3 - Restrict - Step 2

- The Government has introduced a 3-step approach to ease Alert Level 3 restrictions. (<https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/regional-advice/auckland/>)
- This means friends and whānau can reconnect with each other in small groups and enjoy recreation within safe limits.
- At Step 2 you can meet with up to 25 other people to do a range of outdoor recreation activities, if you can do them safely (with the removal of the 2-household restriction). The following activities are permitted:
 - Going to the beach or playground
 - Hunting
 - Water-based activities involving sailing boats, motorised boats or other craft like jet skis, and scuba diving. Sailing and boating should be limited to people from the same household.
 - Fishing from a motorised boat or vessel
 - Outdoor exercise classes limited to a maximum of 25 people including the instructor.
- Professional coaching can begin again for sports where this can be conducted within the Step 2 rules. For example, tennis, golf or horse-riding coaching can begin again provided it is on an individual or small group basis and physical distancing of 2 metres is maintained (e.g. total numbers must be kept under 25).
- At Step 2, you can play non-contact outdoor sports that involve sharing equipment, so long as you can maintain physical distancing.
- However, at Step 2 you cannot play contact sports (e.g. football, rugby, basketball) or sports that involve sharing equipment (e.g. netball or basketball) where physical distancing is not possible. Gyms, indoor recreation facilities, indoor and outdoor swimming pools and sports halls cannot open at Step 2.
- Many of the Level 3 Step 1 rules remain in place. You should continue to:
 - wear a face covering and keep 2 metres distance from others when exercising
 - use the NZ COVID Tracer app and scan QR codes QR codes when out and about
 - stay home if you are unwell and call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5453 for advice about getting tested.

Public health measures

- Although people can now meet outside they should generally still stay home in their bubble other than for essential personal movement - including to go to work, school if they have to or for recreation. Don't invite or allow social visitors, such as friends, family and whānau, to enter your home.
- Physical distancing of 2 metres outside home, or 1 metre in controlled environments like workplaces.
- Face coverings must be worn on public transport and when visiting essential services. They are highly recommended if you are out and about.
- People can now meet with other households as long as this is outside and the total number of people is 25 or less.
- People must work from home unless that is not possible.
- Businesses can open premises, but cannot physically interact with customers.
- Retail can open, with customers keeping 2 metres apart, and staff and customers required to wear face coverings.
- Some public venues are closed. This includes cinemas, food courts, gyms, and indoor and outdoor swimming pools.
- Gatherings of up to 25 people are allowed but only for outdoor recreation, wedding services, funerals, tangihanga and viewings of the deceased. Physical distancing and public health measures must be maintained.
- If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise and if you have symptoms of cold or flu call your doctor or Healthline and get advice about being tested.
- Inter-regional travel is highly limited to, for example, essential workers, with limited exemptions for others.
- People at high risk of severe illness such as older people and those with existing medical conditions are encouraged to stay at home where possible, and take additional precautions when leaving home.

Play	Alert Level 3 - Step 2	Scenarios at Level 3 - Step 2
(e.g. playing in homes, neighbourhoods and playgrounds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor play must be contained within your bubble at home as recreation centres and gyms remain shut. • You can now meet in groups of up to 25 people to play outdoors. Physical distancing is strongly encouraged to prevent the virus from spreading between households. • Streets, outdoor parks, fields and playgrounds can all open. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor playgrounds can open. • You are able to drive within your region to play in a public space, for example, a local beach, park or playground. You can meet with up to 25 other people outdoors but physical distancing from those outside your bubble (2 metres) should be maintained.
Active Recreation	Alert Level 3 - Step 2	Scenarios at Level 3 - Step 2
(e.g. walking or going to the gym)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can now meet other people for active recreation (up to a maximum of 25 people) outdoors. • You can travel for active recreation within your region. • Physical distancing (2 metres) with people outside your bubble should be maintained. • Activities should remain low risk and within your current abilities and don't pick up new activities. • Contact activity with people outside your bubble should not go ahead. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gyms, indoor recreation facilities and swimming pools (indoor and outdoor) cannot open. • Personal trainers and professional coaches can now carry out in person coaching as long as it is outdoors, involves a maximum of 25 people and physical distancing of 2 metres is maintained. • Short walks (for example, under 3 hours) on easy trails are permitted. • High risk activities are discouraged, because these activities expose participants or other users to increased danger and may require complex search and rescue services.

Sport	Alert Level 3 - Step 2	Scenarios at Level 3 - Step 2
<p>(e.g. team sport)</p> <p><i>Contact sport</i> – is an activity, particularly a team activity, where you are coming into close contact to others as part of competing or taking part in that activity – for example, physical contact sports like rugby, and sport where there is close contact like football, squash, basketball, hockey or netball.</p> <p><i>Non-contact sports</i> – are activities in which you can comfortably avoid coming closer than 2 metres to others as part of participating in that activity – for example, running, cycling, golf or bowls.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can now meet people from other households for non-contact sport (up to a maximum of 25 people) outdoors. You can now share equipment for non-contact outdoor sports. The equipment should be regularly sanitised and physical distancing should be maintained. You can travel for sport within your region. Physical distancing (2 metres) with people outside your bubble should be maintained. Activities should remain within your current abilities and don't pick up new activities. Lower-risk activities only: care should be taken not to be injured and require medical care. Contact activity with people outside your bubble should not occur, including sports where this is close contact. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can train at your home or outside with people from other households. For example, going for a run or weight training. You can share equipment when playing with people from other households for non-contact sports outdoors. For example, you can play frisbee or kick a rugby ball with people or play tennis outside of your bubble so long as physical distancing can be maintained. You should sanitise the equipment. Avoid using things like playground equipment or benches in public spaces for your training. If you're exercising outdoors, maintain physical distancing from those outside your bubble (2 metres). Try to avoid places with a large number of people. You can travel within your region to get to a destination for sport and recreation (for example, going to a particular park or trail). Check in advance whether the place you're going to is open – not all areas will be open. Participate in low-risk activities only: care should be taken not to be injured and require medical care. For outdoor sports where 2 metres physical distancing is possible e.g. golf, tennis, bowls, cricket etc: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public facilities will be closed. Private facilities (e.g. clubhouses, toilets, showers) cannot open except for use by workers (with appropriate public health measures in place). A COVID-19 safety plan must be in place, including risk controls for any staff that may be on site (e.g. grounds person). Contact tracing measures must be in place. Common touch points must be minimised. It is good practice for the facility owner to sanitise all surfaces (e.g. gates, flags, holes, nets etc) after each use. Users should sanitise their hands after touching them. Don't share food or drink, and water fountains should not be used. You can now play with people from other households (up to a maximum of 25 people in total). Physical distancing of 2 metres from anyone outside of your bubble is strongly encouraged. There can be no congregating. You must leave as soon as you have completed your recreation activity.
Water-based Activities	Alert Level 3 - Step 2	Scenarios at Level 3 - Step 2
<p>(e.g. swimming, kayaking, surfing)</p> <p><i>Lower risk</i> – would be activities that you can comfortably undertake, and have done so previously, in conditions that do not pose any additional risk (e.g. calm water or moderate temperatures).</p> <p><i>High risk</i> – would be challenging activities, or challenging conditions (e.g. high winds, large waves, rips or cold-water temperatures).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More water-based activities are now possible. You can now go: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sailing and boating (with people from the same household) Fishing from a motorised boat or vessel Scuba diving Jetskiing Water-based activities are discouraged where they would expose participants to danger or require search and rescue services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain 2 metres physical distancing with people outside your bubble. Remain within your current abilities and don't pick up new activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All public aquatic facilities are closed (only workers can enter premises). More water-based activities are now possible. You can now go: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sailing and boating (it is recommended that you only do this with people from the same household) Fishing from a motorised boat or vessel Scuba diving Jetskiing You must: not meet more than 25 people, and stay within the limits of your abilities. Physical distancing of 2 metres is strongly encouraged. High risk activities are discouraged, because these activities expose participants or other users to increased danger and may require complex search and rescue services. Further guidance on boating and water-based activities at each alert level is provided by Maritime NZ (www.maritimenz.govt.nz/recreational/). If in doubt, then don't go out.
Commercial	Alert Level 3 - Step 2	Scenarios at Level 3 - Step 2
<p>(e.g. sports which sell merchandise or run bar/café facilities)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retail shops can open, with customers keeping 2 meters apart. Staff and customers are required to wear face coverings. Everyone should work from home if possible. Workers should only come into the premises if they can't work from home and appropriate measures are taken. If these measures cannot be taken, staff must not go to work and premises should remain closed. All hospitality services and venues must remain contactless. Only essential regional travel (e.g. travel to work), travel to other regions is not allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual businesses should follow MBIE and WorkSafe NZ advice. You cannot travel to other regions (e.g. you should not be travelling from Hamilton to Auckland) other than in limited circumstances. See the covid19.govt.nz website for more information. If your premise has different facilities on site (for example, a library, gym and café), each facility must follow the rules that apply to the type of business it is.