



Kia ora koutou

Covid-19 Update

The University Executive Committee (UEC) has today approved the University Vaccine and Testing Policy, which will come into effect as planned on 4 January 2022. The policy sets out our obligations and responsibilities for accessing campus and taking part in face-to-face University-managed activities, including strong encouragement for our community to be vaccinated as well as a provision for responsible use of testing, and the requirement for a [My Vaccine Pass](#) to enter our campuses.

A summary of the policy is [available on the website here](#) and you can read the [full document on the Policy Hub](#). From 4 January 2022, new [University operations under the Covid-19 Protection Framework](#) will take effect, outlining what is required at the different traffic light settings. It will replace the current interim December Red Level Plan.

If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to verify your vaccination information in the [Vaccination Declaration Portal](#) as soon as possible. You can [access the Portal and learn more about it on the website here](#).

Moving to Orange

Yesterday the Prime Minister confirmed that Auckland will move to Orange Level at 11.59pm on Thursday 30 December. As the University is closed from 24 December to 4 January, this change in settings makes no material difference to us over the Christmas break. It does however mean that we will be in Orange Level for the start of our January and February activities, including Summer School and Q1, which we have confirmed will take place in person on campus. We will be contacting all students participating in these activities shortly, with information on what is required in Orange Level.

Kia kapi ake au i konei – I shall close here.

Ngā mihi nui
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