

Covid-19 Papakainga Protection Framework

Waimangō Papakāinga Trust

15 November 2021-31 March 2022

These protocols, guidelines and plans were developed by the Waimangō Papakāinga Trust for the purposes of keeping members of Te Whānau-a-Haunui, and other friends and whanaunga, safe while visiting the Waimangō Papakāinga at a time when the health and wellbeing of communities is threatened by Covid-19.

These protocols were developed in accordance with New Zealand Covid-19 Protection Framework. We recognise that creating policy around this subject is complicated, particularly when the Covid situation requires rapid changes to continue to protect our whānau.

The guidelines will be subject to change as the Waimangō Papakainga Trust responds to changes in New Zealand's policy, and remains a living document that will evolve over time.

Key Decision

As of 15 November 2021, The Waimangō Papakāinga Trust will introduce a **“no vaccination no entry”** policy on the Waimangō Papakāinga for those that are eligible to be vaccinated. These protocols and guidelines will apply to all whānau members and visitors.

This policy will remain in place until 31 March 2022 when they will be reviewed.

Rationale

Covid-19 continues to threaten the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities. The combination of vaccinations, social distancing and contact tracing is the most effective way discovered thus far of combating Covid-19. Additionally, there is ample evidence to show that the transmission of Covid-19 is enhanced when infected people come into close contact with others. There are numerous examples showing how the transmission of the virus was accelerated through gatherings (what are termed 'super spreader events').

The Waimangō Papakāinga Trust is charged with both the care of the physical facilities of the Waimangō papakāinga as well as the health, wellbeing and safety of those visiting the papakāinga. Hence, because we know that the virus can be transmitted quickly between people attending gatherings, and because we know that vaccinations, social distancing and contact tracing are an effective way of preventing the transmission of Covid-19, the Waimangō Papakāinga Trust has taken the unusual but necessary step of not allowing visits by unvaccinated people to the Waimangō papakāinga.

We have taken this step for the reasons outlined above and for the following additional reasons:

- The Trust recently consulted TWAH members regarding Covid-19 and steps being contemplated by the Waimangō Papakāinga Trust in response, including the sanction against visits by unvaccinated people.
- There are members of TWAH who are under 12 years of age and, as yet, are not able to be vaccinated. We do not wish to expose the unvaccinated children of TWAH to unvaccinated adults who may be carrying the virus.
- Historically, Māori communities suffered disproportionately during epidemics and pandemics, the most famous example being the Spanish Flu of 1918 which, like Covid-19, swept the world and claimed many lives. This was because Māori communities were slow to understand

the nature of the threat before them and they were living in substandard housing amongst other issues.

- Finally, this decision is an expression of manaakitanga and whanaungatanga for its intention is to keep whānau members and visitors safe while visiting the papakāinga at a time when Covid-19 remains a significant threat.

Trustees appreciate that there might be some whānau members - including descendants of those interred in the Waimangō urupā - who choose not to be vaccinated. Further, this decision will affect them most as they will not be permitted to visit the papakāinga including the urupā.

Some might argue that this is contrary to their right to visit the papakāinga and urupā. The Trustees respond by saying that individual whānau members do indeed enjoy a right of access to their papakāinga and urupā - and the Trust wishes to respect this right and support it as much as possible.

However, the Trust is equally required to meet responsibilities and obligations to whānau members overall, particularly with respect to protecting their safety, health and wellbeing. The right of an unvaccinated whānau member to access the papakāinga can not override the right of the whānau overall to use their papakāinga in a safe and healthy way. This is particularly the case with respect to TWAH children who as yet are not able to be vaccinated.

Guidelines for the Papakāinga under the Covid-19 Protection Framework

Alert Levels 3 and 4

No access to the Papakāinga unless authorised

Red Level

The key requirements at Red is our ability to maintain 1m social distancing. This has implications for the use of the Papakāinga facilities.

Papakāinga Specific Guidelines:

- Covid-19 vaccination is mandatory for those that are eligible to be vaccinated:
 - All whānau members and visitors must be fully vaccinated
 - All whānau members and visitors must have their fully vaccinated certificate registered with the Waimangō Papakāinga trust via the vaccination status electronic register
- Number of people on the papakāinga are limited:
 - Up to 100 fully vaccinated people with 1m distancing on the papakāinga at any one time
 - Bookings or prior notification to the booking coordinators is essential to avoid breaching the number of people limit
- Use of facilities is restricted:
 - Bring your own kai and take all of your rubbish with you
 - No use of the kitchen or outdoor cooking facilities
 - No sleeping overnight on the papakāinga. Day trips are allowed
 - 1 person at a time in the bathroom
- Record keeping/scanning required
- No mixing of bubbles
 - If there is more than one bubble present, then face coverings are mandatory on the deck, inside the bach and the Whare Uku
- No hugging, kissing or physical contact between bubbles
- A deep clean of the facilities is required when you leave
 - See further cleaning requirements under the “Clean Environment” section

Orange Level

At Orange there is no limit on the number of people present and no social distancing requirements.

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- Letting the trust know of your visit in advance is encouraged, particularly for multi day stays. This is to help the trust with contract tracing if there was an issue.
- Record keeping/scanning required
- If there is more than one bubble present, then face coverings are mandatory on the deck, inside the bach and the Whare Uku

Green Level

- Covid-19 vaccination is mandatory for those that are eligible to be vaccinated:
 - All whānau members and visitors must be fully vaccinated
 - All whānau members and visitors must have their fully vaccinated certificate registered with the Waimangō Papakāinga trust via the vaccination status electronic register
- Record keeping/scanning required
- No limits on number of people present

Vaccination Register

To align with the Covid-19 Protection Framework issued by the NZ Government, all whānau members and visitors are required to be fully vaccinated to visit the papakāinga. They are also required to present their vaccination status before entering.

To facilitate this requirement, the Waimangō Papakāinga Trust has created an online electronic registry system for those who wish to visit the papakāinga.

This system will require any visitor to:

- Fill out a form with contact details and vaccination status
- Upload a picture of their vaccination certificate

Acceptable forms of proof of vaccination are either:

- A copy of your government issued vaccine certificate
- A photo of your double dose vaccine card that clearly shows your name and dose number

The trust will only accept medical exemption letters that have been issued by the Ministry of Health as per the official process. If you have an exemption letter you will need to get in touch with the trust directly.

A link to the register can be found [here](#).

The information in this registry will only be used by the Waimangō Papakāinga Trust and the Waimangō Farm Trust for the purposes of monitoring vaccination status in line with the NZ Covid-19 Protection Framework.

If there is a member of the whanau who is not vaccinated, or is suspected to be unvaccinated, please notify the trust immediately.

Additional Guidelines

A link to the NZ Covid-19 Protection Framework can be found [here](#).

Stay Home If You Are Unwell

- Stay home if you are unwell. Take this more seriously than ever before. Unwell includes any of the following: sore throat, cough, sneezing with or without a temperature.
- If you have symptoms - get tested.
- Stay home if you have been in contact with someone with Covid-19.
- Stay home if you have been overseas in the last 14 days or in contact with someone who has been overseas.
- Whānau who feel unwell or show symptoms while at Waimangō will be sent home. A parent or designated caregiver will be requested to accompany them for health and safety reasons.

Social Distancing at Red Level

- A 1 metre distance must be maintained where possible. This means no touching other people (including no hugs, no high fives and no handshakes).
- No mixing of bubbles
- No cooking of food on papakainga facilities - bring your own kai and cooking equipment. Gas BBQ's are permitted. Note there are no open fires during the summer period as per the NZ fire restriction guidelines.
- Take your own rubbish home with you
- There is to be no sharing of phones and/personal devices.
- Wipe down all surfaces and deep clean any facilities you have used
- Follow instructions and signs. There will be a one-way system in parts of the papakāinga.

Please Note: Some additional protocols will be in place in particular Whare Kai, Wharepaku and the Uku.

Personal Hygiene

- Wash and dry your hands (for at least 20 seconds) and dry your hands thoroughly and frequently.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- Avoid touching your face; eyes, nose, ears and mouth.
- Sanitise hands when you enter and exit each room.
- Sanitiser will be provided in all areas around the papakāinga.
- Whānau are encouraged to carry their own pocket-sized sanitiser.
- [Face masks](#) are required in certain situations at Red and Orange levels. Scarves and bandannas are not to be worn as protection. Those choosing to wear a mask need to follow the correct protocols for mask wearing. <https://www.who.int/images/default-source/health-topics/coronavirus/risk-communications/general-public/protect-yourself/infographics/masks-infographic---final.tmb-1920v.png>

Eating and Drinking

- At Red level, each bubble must bring their own food
- Drink from a bottle wherever possible
- There is to be no shared food or drinks at the Red level. Shared food is allowed at Orange and Green.

Clean Environment

- Hand sanitiser and disinfectant will be provided for each room.

- As much as possible tables equipment will be wiped down at the end of each meal. (*Spray with disinfectant and leave for 30 seconds before wiping down*).
- A clean of high touch surfaces in indoor common areas will be required during the day - this includes doorknobs and handrails.
- Keep all areas well ventilated.
- Toilets, bathrooms and kitchen facilities are required to be cleaned at the end of each day and a roster system is encouraged.

Contact Tracing

- All people on the papakāinga must use the contact tracer poster **and** sign in manually to the WPT register.
- All visitors are to sign in using the Contact Tracer and any non whanau to use the visitors book provided.
- All people on the papakainga must provide proof of vaccination

Visitors

- All visitors must sign in (for contact tracing).
- Any visitors will be informed of and required to follow the Papakainga protocols and guidelines accorded to the current level and the WPT current policy document.

School Camps and Visits

For both Orange and Green, Ministry of Health advice remains the same:

- All members of the group who are older than 12 must be fully vaccinated
- Scan QR code whenever appropriate
- Wear a face mask in public settings
- Wash/sanitise hands frequently
- Cough/sneeze into elbows
- Keep apart as much as is practically possible in a school setting
- Keep hard surfaces clean
- Keep rooms well ventilated
- Keep your child at home if she/he is unwell
- Members of the group who become unwell must leave
- Stay at home if you are unwell and seek medical advice

Camps and school visits will proceed if the alert level and step allows (or whatever new system is implemented). They will be in their own bubble and will stringently maintain it.

All staff and adult supervisors involved in any proposed camp must be fully vaccinated as per MOE guidelines.

Use Of The Kitchen Areas

- All cooking facilities and the kitchen are not to be used at the red level
- Shared spaces should be organised to maximise social distancing and to minimise use at orange and green.
- If you are unable to achieve 1 metre social distancing inside any building please use the outside kitchen area on the deck.
- Clean any shared spaces between use.
- All shared kitchens and hard surfaces and equipment should be sanitised after each use. Wash and dry dishes (with detergent)
- Put dishes away, do not leave them on benches.

- Sanitise hands.

Tangihanga during Covid

Trustees of the Waimangō Papakāinga Trust understand fully and acknowledge the tremendous challenge that these protocols - and Covid-19 generally - could represent to whānau members who are mourning the passing of a loved one.

Consequently, the Trust will support whānau members in whatever way possible during times of mourning and while these protocols are in place. This includes conducting meaningful tangihanga at the Waimangō papakāinga altered and managed accordingly to comply with our Covid-19 protocols.

It is vitally important that those grieving for a loved one are offered the time, place and opportunity to properly mourn, honour and celebrate that person. This requirement - so critical to health and wellbeing - is no less significant in this Covid-19 impacted time.

Trustees wish to reassure members of Te Whānau-a-Haunui that the Trust and the papakāinga remain available to whānau members in times of need - such as when a loved one passes. The ways by which whānau will be supported through these times will need to be adapted in keeping with our Covid-19 protocols and mindful of the general threat that Covid-19 represents to health and safety.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Waimangō Papakāinga Trust if you have any questions.