



Funerals and tangihanga at Alert Level 2

There are limits on the number of people who can attend a funeral, tangihanga, kawē/hari mate or unveiling ceremony/hura kōhatu.

Up to 100 people can attend a funeral or tangihanga both indoors and outdoors.

This applies to funerals and tangihanga held at:

- funeral homes
- maraes
- churches, mosques and other faith-based places of worship
- hired venues or facilities
- private dwellings.

You do not need to wear a face covering when attending a funeral or tangihanga but we encourage you to wear one, if possible.

Do not attend a funeral, tangihanga or religious gathering if you are feeling unwell. Stay home and call your doctor or Healthline on [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453) for advice on getting a test.

We recommend avoiding physical contact such as harirū, hongī, kissing and hugging except if you:

- live with them
- are whānau
- are close friends.

Contact tracing

Organisers must record attendees to make sure contact tracing can happen if needed. This includes keeping a record of the date and time of the funeral, tangihanga or viewing took place, and the names and contact details of everyone attending.

If you are visiting a funeral home, or attending a funeral or tangihanga, you can scan in using the NZ COVID Tracer app, or provide your details for contact tracing.

Handling, viewing and storing the tūpāpaku

At Alert Level 2, funeral directors, faith-based leaders, whānau and friends can handle and go and view the tūpāpaku.

[Advice for handling, viewing and storing tūpāpaku | health.govt.nz\(external link\)](https://www.health.govt.nz/health-topics/whānau-and-friends-handling-viewing-and-storing-tupapaku)

Providing last rites

At Alert Level 2, priests, imam and religious celebrants can provide last rites in a hospital, hospice or private residence. If the person they are visiting who is dying is in a health facility, they legally must follow the:

- visiting rules of the health facility and,
- all relevant infection prevention and control procedures.

[Advice for funeral directors and faith-based leaders | health.govt.nz](https://www.health.govt.nz/health-topics/funeral-directors-and-faith-based-leaders)

Travel for funerals and tangihanga at Alert Level 2

You can travel to another region that is at Alert Level 1 or 2 to attend a funeral or tangihanga.

If you need to travel to an Alert Level 3 region to attend a funeral or tangihanga, you will need to apply for an exemption from the Ministry of Health. This includes crossing from one Alert Level 3 area into another neighbouring Alert Level 3 area — for example, going from Auckland to Northland.

Exemptions are only granted on a case-by-case basis and are not guaranteed.

Source: <https://covid19.govt.nz/activities/funerals-tangihanga-and-last-rites/#funerals-and-tangihanga-at-alert-level-2>

