

Influenza, COVID (and other infectious illnesses) policy - Hui-ā-Tau 2026

COVID-19 remains in our community and influenza and RSV have been rampant over the past few months.

This policy recognises that these infectious diseases are a risk, particularly in large groups. Therefore, we will apply our hauora approach to our largest gathering of members – Hui-ā-Tau 2026.

It also recognises that there are many other illnesses that are highly infectious and should be treated in a similar way.

Aim

Members, staff and visitors to Hui-ā-Tau can fully participate knowing their health and wellbeing is paramount.

Collectively this can be achieved by:

- Staying home if you are experiencing any symptoms of illness (COVID-19, influenza or other)
- Ensuring your vaccination status is current
- Practicing good general hygiene*
- Respecting each others needs (e.g. for personal space/contact, for mask wearing)

Our venue is large, with high ceilings and space to remove ourselves from close proximity if individually needed. There is good air circulation, although heating and cooling such a large area means sometimes our individual needs cannot be met.

There will be access to limited supplies of:

- Hand sanitiser
- Masks
- Rapid Antigen tests

Please come prepared with supplies to meet your own requirements too.

***Good hygiene practice**

- Wash and dry hands thoroughly and/or use hand sanitiser
- Sneeze or cough into your elbow or tissue (then wash/dry hands as above)
- Wear a mask to protect others (or yourself) if you are concerned about your health/the transfer of illness

What if I test positive for COVID-19 or influenza at Hui-ā-Tau?

You must immediately advise a staff member at the Help Desk in the foyer, and your Area Council chairperson.

The staff member will ensure that arrangements are made to get you home as soon as possible. Any costs related to this will be covered by NZEI Te Riu Roa.

You should let people know, particularly those you have worked closely with. Your Area Council chairperson may be able to help with this.

If you are not well, stay home
