

# TENNIS ACTIVITY DURING COVID-19

## ALERT LEVEL GUIDELINES

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### **DISCLAIMER**

Please note that Tennis NZ are not experts on pandemics and as such all New Zealand Government and Ministry of Health information, guidelines and directives supersede this information. This document has been put together by Tennis NZ, affiliated Regions and key Facility Managers, with the purpose of informing our tennis community how we are responding to Covid-19, and to provide recommendations for what we believe is the best course of action for all tennis organisations, clubs, coaches, and facilities.

We will monitor the government Alert Levels as we move back down to 3, 2 and 1, and if there is more flexibility for activities such as tennis, we will be sure to update these recommendations in line with government advice. The decision of 'no tennis activity' at Level 3 was not taken lightly by regional CEO's, facilities managers and TNZ staff. It was decided that whilst playgrounds and public places are closed, and non-essential businesses are recommended to close, tennis activity should be aligned to these measures too. If Level 3 recommendations from the NZ Government look different on the way back down, we will review this to ensure that we are aligning appropriately.

Please continue to monitor for further updates from  
<https://covid19.govt.nz/> and <https://health.govt.nz>

Tennis NZ updates on Covid-19 can be found at  
<https://tennis.kiwi/covid-19/>

LEVEL	KEY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT MEASURES	TENNIS NZ MEASURES	WHAT WE RECOMMEND FOR TENNIS ORGANISATIONS (REGIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, CLUBS, COACHES & FACILITIES)
<b>LEVEL 4 – ELIMINATE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustained and intensive transmission</li> <li>Widespread outbreaks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People instructed to stay at home.</li> <li>Educational facilities closed.</li> <li>Businesses closed except for essential services and lifeline utilities.</li> <li>Rationing of supplies and requisitioning of facilities.</li> <li>Travel severely limited.</li> <li>Major reprioritisation of healthcare services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All organised tennis competition, training and in person education under the mandate of Tennis NZ and Regions cancelled or postponed.</li> <li>All Tennis NZ Performance Squad/Programme Training cancelled.</li> <li>All in person workshops, conferences, face to face meetings and other external activities not taking place – postponed and on hold.</li> <li>Tennis NZ offices shut – all staff working from home.</li> <li>No international or domestic travel for Tennis NZ staff.</li> <li>Tennis NZ will conduct all internal and external business via video conferencing/telephone.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shut all facilities, offices, clubs, and suspend all coaching and tennis and activities.</li> <li>All staff and/or volunteers should work from home.</li> <li>No tennis activity happening at clubs or facilities.</li> </ul>
<b>LEVEL 3 – RESTRICT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community transmission occurring OR</li> <li>Multiple clusters break out</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel in areas with clusters or community transmission limited.</li> <li>Affected educational facilities closed.</li> <li>Mass gatherings cancelled.</li> <li>Public venues closed (e.g. gyms, pools, libraries).</li> <li>Alternative ways of working required, and some non-essential businesses should close.</li> <li>Non face-to-face primary care consultations.</li> <li>Non acute (elective) services and procedures in hospitals deferred and healthcare staff reprioritised.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All organised tennis competition, training and in person education under the mandate of Tennis NZ and Regions cancelled or postponed.</li> <li>All Tennis NZ Performance Squad/Programme Training cancelled</li> <li>All in person workshops, conferences, face to face meetings and other external activities not taking place – postponed and on hold.</li> <li>Tennis NZ offices shut – all staff working from home.</li> <li>No international or domestic travel for Tennis NZ staff.</li> <li>Tennis NZ will conduct all internal and external business via video conferencing/telephone.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The recommendations are <b>UNCHANGED FROM LEVEL 4.</b></li> <li>Shut all facilities, offices, clubs, and suspend all coaching and tennis and activities.</li> <li>All staff and/or volunteers should work from home.</li> <li>No tennis activity happening at clubs or facilities.</li> </ul>

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<b>LEVEL 2 – REDUCE</b> <b>If required, this Alert Level will be updated to match new Government guidelines.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High risk of importing COVID-19 OR</li> <li>Increase in imported cases OR</li> <li>Increase in household transmission OR</li> <li>Single or isolated cluster outbreak</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entry border measures maximised.</li> <li>Further restrictions on mass gatherings.</li> <li>Physical distancing on public transport.</li> <li>Limit non-essential travel around New Zealand.</li> <li>Employers start alternative ways of working if possible (e.g. remote working, physical distancing).</li> <li>Business continuity plans activated.</li> <li>High-risk people advised to remain at home (e.g. those over 70 or those with existing medical conditions)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All organised tennis competition under the mandate of Tennis NZ is risk assessed. Local travel only and points 1-7 followed.</li> <li>All Tennis NZ Performance Squad/Programme Training are held based on points 1-7 listed to the right (if facilities are open)</li> <li>All Tennis NZ in person workshops, education, face to face meetings and external activities risk assessed. Local travel only and points 1-7 followed.</li> <li>Tennis NZ offices open on rotation basis to limit staff numbers and practice safe social distancing.</li> <li>No international or domestic travel for Tennis NZ staff unless absolutely necessary</li> <li>Tennis NZ will conduct majority of internal and external business via video conferencing / telephone.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Events and Competitions are risk assessed. Local travel only and points 1-7 followed.</li> <li>All workshops, face to face meetings and external activities are risk assessed. Local travel only and points 1-7 followed.</li> <li>All staff and/or volunteers should work from home where possible.</li> <li>Group coaching and programming can take place as per points 1-7 listed below.</li> <li>One-to-one lessons can take place as per points 1-7 listed below.</li> <li>Assess whether to shut and suspend access to facilities based on your ability to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adhere to Covid-19 Play Safe Guidelines</li> <li>Ensure that you can enforce no more than 100 people in the facility at one time.</li> <li>Ensure that no high-risk people enter the facility.</li> <li>Ensure you can record the contact information on all people accessing the facility.</li> <li>Ensure your facility has extensive signage and information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19.</li> <li>Ensure your facility has an up to date cleaning schedule and soap and hand sanitiser is available and is consistently refilled.</li> <li>Ensure the facility staff are properly briefed on all information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>LEVEL 1 – PREPARE</b> <b>If required, this Alert Level will be updated to match new Government guidelines.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heightened risk of importing COVID-19 OR</li> <li>Sporadic imported cases OR</li> <li>Isolated household transmission associated with imported cases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Border entry measures applied to minimise risk of importing COVID-19 cases.</li> <li>Contact tracing.</li> <li>Stringent self-isolation and quarantine.</li> <li>Intensive testing for COVID-19.</li> <li>Physical distancing encouraged.</li> <li>Mass gatherings over 500 cancelled.</li> <li>Stay home if you're sick, report flu-like symptoms.</li> <li>Wash and dry hands, cough into elbow, don't touch your face.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All organised tennis competition, training and in person education under the mandate of Tennis NZ is risk assessed against NZ government and MOH recommendations.</li> <li>All Tennis NZ Performance Squad/Programme Training are held based on points 1-7 listed to the right (if facilities are open)</li> <li>Tennis NZ workshops, face to face meetings and external activities are risk assessed against NZ government and MOH recommendations.</li> <li>Tennis NZ offices are open, Tennis NZ staff may work from home as they feel is required.</li> <li>No international travel for Tennis NZ staff.</li> <li>All domestic travel is risk assessed and needs to be approved by the CEO.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Events and Competitions should be risk assessed and reviewed against NZ government and MOH recommendations.</li> <li>Group coaching and programming can take place as per points 1-7 listed below.</li> <li>One-to-one lessons can take place as per points 1-7 listed below.</li> <li>All workshops, face to face meetings and external activities should be risk assessed against NZ government and MOH recommendations.</li> <li>Assess whether to shut and suspend access to facilities based on your ability to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adhere to Covid-19 Play Safe Guidelines</li> <li>Ensure that you can enforce no more than 100 people in the facility at one time.</li> <li>Ensure that no high-risk people enter the facility.</li> <li>Ensure you can record the contact information on all people accessing the facility.</li> <li>Ensure your facility has extensive signage and information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19.</li> <li>Ensure your facility has an up to date cleaning schedule and soap and hand sanitiser is available and is consistently refilled.</li> <li>Ensure the facility staff are properly briefed on all information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>