

WE ARE OPEN AT LEVEL 2



**EXPRESSIONS WHIRINAKI
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE**

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Kia ora

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Things will look a little different when you visit us again... so here's an update for you on how we are working to keep you, our patrons, and our team safe and healthy while continuing to enjoy art and culture in Upper Hutt.

ART BRINGS US CLOSER: BUT PLEASE KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Physical distancing still applies at Level 2. Please enjoy the art and our theatre shows and events, but make sure you keep 1 metre apart from people you don't know when in the Centre. We have some floor markings to help you when you are waiting to be served and our reception areas will have Perspex screens.

CONTACT TRACING FOR ALL VISITORS

When you arrive at our front door one of our friendly staff members will meet and greet you and record your details for contact tracing. This applies to all visitors, performers and artists, hall hirers and users. We will keep this information safe and only use it if there is a future COVID19 case linked to the centre.

We will need to record the time you enter and the time you leave, so make sure you touch base and say goodbye before you leave.

A NEW CAFÉ... ON ITS WAY

When we first open at Level 2 we will not have a full operating Café. Prior to Covid 19 Limelight Café decided to move on and focus on other endeavours. We are working on getting a new café up and running for you, but in the meantime we have the lovely people from Kick Start Coffee on site to make you fresh coffee.

100 PEOPLE ONLY FOLKS

We are sticking to the guidelines from the NZ Government and at Level 2, can have 100 people on site and only 10 people for private events and gatherings. You can read the full Government advice on public gatherings here. <https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-system/alert-level-2/#gatherings-events-and-public-venues>

INCREASED HYGIENE MEASURES

Our staff have increased the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting of all high traffic areas and commonly-touched surfaces throughout the day. Including but not limited to: tables, door handles, counters, railings, benches, eftpos terminals. We're going to keep our gallery doors open for a while.

We have installed hand sanitiser units in our foyers for everyone's use.

ALLOCATED SEATING

Your assigned seat may be different to the one you booked, as we've had to shuffle some seat reservations around to support social distancing. Seating has been reconfigured to ensure adequate distance between guests. We'll let you know when you arrive where your new seats are, or feel free to discuss this with one of our friendly staff. If you are booking with people you want to sit with (up to 10 people), let us know.

THEATRE ROUTES ON STAGE/OFF STAGE AND BACK OF HOUSE

If you are part of theatre show with other of people on stage or back of house in the dressing rooms, you also need to keep your 1 metre distance from those you don't know. We'll have some signage and some routes laid out to help, and our friendly technical staff will talk that through with you before your show. Don't forget to register in and out at the contact tracing station.

SELF ISOLATION

We ask our patrons to stay home and self-isolate if you have any cold or flu-like symptoms or have travelled overseas in the last 14 days. It is important to us to keep you safe and we appreciate your understanding.

You can be assured we are doing everything possible to ensure the safety of our patrons and staff. Expressions Whirinaki is following guidelines and advice from the NZ Government, Ministry of Health and Upper Hutt City Council with respect to health and safety, public gatherings and spaces.

Kia Kaha, Ka kite ano au i a koutou! (Stay strong, See you soon!)