

**18<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**To: Allied Health, Scientific and Technical Service Providers**

**Re: Alert Level 4 Allied Health, Scientific and Technical Service Provision**

With the move to alert level 4 it has given us the opportunity to review access to services in light of the Delta variant of COVID-19. This notice intends to minimise the confusion of multiple messages.

- The alert level 4 health services scope of provision is to **preserve life or limb only**.
- Level 4 is an **emergency measure** and has been put in place to be a transmission circuit breaker
- Health service provision should not be face to face other than to preserve life or limb.
- Where possible all consultations should be via methods of telehealth

We must not underestimate the transmissibility of the Delta variant; this is significantly different to the last outbreak. If your patient needs are urgent/acute and cannot be assessed, or treated via telehealth, please contact your local DHB and refer them to these services.

This status will not change until the Alert Levels drop and face to face consultations resume. Please consider your scope of practice, develop, and prepare alternate care plans and connect with your colleagues. We need to continue to protect each other, reduce risk and prevent transmission.

This notice will also be posted on the COVID-19 allied health, scientific and technical providers [web page](#).

We will get through this together, working in partnership as a team of 5 million, kia kaha.  
Ngā mihi aroha



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