



COVID-19 Response Policy Statement

Overview:

At time of release (4 January 2022) the Omicron variant is prevalent in NSW, Australia, with an excess of 23,000 cases per day. NZ has 90 cases at the border, and 3 in the community. It is therefore inevitable this rapidly transmissible variant will spread in NZ.

This makes it necessary for us at YWAM Nelson to respond in a thoughtful and wise manner to keep members of our community as safe as practically possible.

YWAM Nelson is a training and mission sending organisation. We believe we are to “Go into all the world...” (Mark 16:15) and therefore, as those who have gone before us did, we believe in order to fulfil the great commission we may need to make certain sacrifices, to bring God’s love to others and to protect the vulnerable both in our community and those we are called to.

Purpose:

This document has been written to address our response to the current COVID 19 pandemic and implications of both the pandemic and the New Zealand health protection framework.

It aims to protect our YWAM Nelson family, tenants and any who visit.

It aims to include all, while protecting our vulnerable.

For whom:

This policy is for all people living at YWAM Nelson and visitors.

Duration:

This policy document will remain active until the pandemic subsides globally. This policy is a living document and YWAM Nelson leadership reserve the right to update or change it at any given time, particularly as the emergence of new variants / outbreaks / lockdowns may occur.

Action points:

YWAM Nelson follows the laws and guidelines as set by the NZ Government. We believe we are to pray for our leaders and Government.

At YWAM Nelson, we operate as a bubble. Therefore:

1. Any visitors are required to sign in using the QR code on each entry and exit point.

2. We encourage the use of hand sanitizer prior to entering and leaving the buildings.
3. Mask wearing, QR scanning / diary entries and social distancing rules as per Ministry of Health when outside the property.
4. In the event of any outbreak in our own community or the Nelson area or any known contact with a person with COVID 19, people living on the property will be required to follow all instructions given by the leadership team with regards to testing and self-isolation.
5. Each person living at YWAM Nelson needs to have their own personal first aid kit. This must include a supply of masks, tissues, paracetamol, thermometer, drinking fluids for 3 days and snacks.
6. In signing this policy document, you are agreeing to this requirement.

While we respect vaccination to COVID 19 to be a personal choice, we also believe evidence showing vaccination has and will continue to prevent serious illness and deaths across the globe, and we therefore encourage all who are able, to consider having the vaccine for their own protection, and to protect those vulnerable in our community.