

## Auckland City Centre Resident's Group

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Public inquiries can be referred to the Auckland Council on 09 301 0101. Visit [OurAuckland.nz](http://OurAuckland.nz) for the most up to date information.

#### Easter weekend – stay home, stay safe

With what is traditionally a holiday getaway weekend approaching, we are reminding Aucklanders of the importance of staying home in order to stay safe and stop the spread of COVID-19. We are sharing these important messages with our communities:

- Stay home this Easter and stay safe.
- Guidelines about physical distancing and staying local remain in place as week three of lockdown begins this Thursday.
- Aucklanders with baches or second homes should avoid the temptation to travel this weekend and instead remain at home.
- While Easter is often about gathering for a meal, going for a picnic or heading out with friends and family, this is an absolute no-go this year. Mark the occasion in your bubble or perhaps try an online catch-up via the internet.
- Playgrounds, skate parks, public BBQs, tennis and basketball courts remain off limits, with the government's revised Health Notice also placing fishing, swimming, surfing, hunting and tramping on the list of banned activities at Alert Level 4. Here are some more [everyday things you shouldn't use](#).

Mayor Phil Goff's call to Aucklanders to stay home is in this [OurAuckland story](#).

#### We've got some great things to keep you busy this Easter weekend

Staying at home this Easter doesn't mean being bored. We've got lots of ways to help you and your bubble keep moving, connecting and learning through [ourauckland.nz/athome](http://ourauckland.nz/athome). There's lots to do, explore and enjoy, including kids activities from our libraries and Auckland Zoo, home workouts, virtual visits to our museums and galleries and much, much more.

#### Subscribe to the official NZ daily public email newsletter

The All of Government response has created a new public daily email designed to reach groups that may not have access to digital guidance and information you can [sign up here](#).

#### ATEED Auckland Business Survey on COVID-19 impact

To ensure the resources and support it provides meets the changing needs of Auckland businesses, ATEED will be doing regular surveys to help it develop useful and timely help and support. The survey is looking to gather information on how businesses are coping, what assistance would be useful and will help ATEED provide Auckland-specific data to its partner organisations, including central government. The survey link is [here](#), it closes on Friday 17 April at midday.

## **Phone Auckland Emergency Management for welfare parcels**

Basic food packages are available for Aucklanders who are unable to afford groceries or are in self-isolation with no access to other support networks. Those applying for the package will be assessed for eligibility when they phone in.

Aucklanders who need to access the service can call the Auckland Emergency Management helpline on 0800 22 22 96. The helpline is open between 7am and 7pm, seven days a week.

## **General advice and information**

- The Ministry of Health is the lead agency and all official information will be shared via [www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz). This website has plenty of advice and information, including downloadable and translated resources.
- If you have concerns about a gathering of people, a non-essential shop or service that is open, anyone who is not self-isolating as required, or an event that breaches the criteria, you can report it to Police online at <https://www.police.govt.nz/105support>. Do not phone 105. Reports will be prioritised based on risk.
- The government has implemented a four-level COVID-19 alert system that specifies public health and social measures to be taken against COVID-19. We are currently at alert level FOUR.