



MATAIKOTARE MARAE

TANGIHANGA AND HUI PANDEMIC PLAN

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Any questions regarding this Marae
Pandemic Plan please contact:
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Mataikotare Marae Plan for Covid-19

1. CONTEXT AND PURPOSE

The objective of Mataikotare Marae (also known as Waiohewa Marae) during the Covid19 pandemic situation is to look after the welfare of Ngati Rangiteaorere Whanui and maintain a safe place for our Iwi, Hapu and Whanau of Ngati Rangiteaorere and the continuation wherever possible for the provision of our core service, which is *Manaakitanga ki nga Ngati Rangiteaorere*.

Now that NZ is at Level 4 with coronavirus COVID-19. Mataikotare Marae is following closely the Ministry of Health rules and procedures as stated on www.covid19.govt.nz

Mataikotare Marae has adopted a pandemic plan based on a progression of measures and actions to be taken following official advice on the spread, seriousness and degree of contagiousness of the virus as per the Ministry of Health instructions.

Notification of any changes of alert levels is being adhered to as announced by government agencies. Mataikotare Marae will continuously review its own alert levels and adapt accordingly to the level of preparedness as the circumstances require, communicating this regularly to Ngati Rangiteaorere whanau and Te Arawa Whanui, through its social media pages and by telephone.

Mataikotare Marae has supported iwi members who are dependent on communal bathing facilities at Rotokawa Baths and are unable to use them due to the current Level 4 lock down. It is proposed to open the bathing and toilet facilities of the Marae for whanau to utilise.

- ✓ Sanitising stations are available
- ✓ Hygienic and Cleaning procedures are strictly adhered to.
- ✓ Covid19 information material is clearly sign posted at Mataikotare Marae in English and Maori.

The Impacts of Covid19

Covid 19 pandemic has resulted in the following impacts:

- Loss of whanau jobs due to lock-down, illness or caring for dependents
- Loss of income and Disruption of services to Ngati Rangiteaorere whanau & the Marae Facilities

- National and international travel restrictions
- Restrictions on public gatherings that have affected Social Hui and wananga as well as other community events often held on the Marae.
- Physical and Social distancing measures must be adhered to on Marae premises
- The loss of tikanga practices i.e. hongiri, kihi and whanaungatanga

Plan Purpose

The purpose of this pandemic health plan is to:

- Contain the disease by reducing spread within the Ngati Rangiteaorere tribal area so as to protect iwi, hapu, and whanau within Mataikotare Marae premises.
- Enable whanau to feel supported, where possible by utilising Bathroom facilities to create a hygienic and clean supportive environment for homeless Ngati Rangiteaorere whanau in need.
- Explore the possibility of utilising the Kitchen facilities to a limited number of ringawera who live locally at or next door to the marae, to create meals on wheels for kaumatua.
- Manage disruption to Tangihanga and Mātaāwai Wananga

This plan will provide guidance on the following:

Communications

- To the Iwi from external or internal sources regarding pandemic phases
- To all Ngati Rangiteaorere whanau and Te Arawa whanui
- To Marae Trustees and Ngati Rangiteaorere Koromatua Council members.
- To persons on Mataikotare Marae premises or living immediately next door to the premises.
- To other stakeholders including local authorities and essential service suppliers

Containment Activities

- Reducing risk of infected persons entering Mataikotare Marae premises and facilities managed by co-ordinated Marae Team
- Physical - Social distancing of 2m adhered to by all persons.
- Regular rigorous cleaning & disinfecting Marae premises in particular Bathroom Facilities, door handles and frequently used surfaces by Marae Team

- Covid19 Hygiene Protocols well promoted and supported by signage in English and Te Reo on Marae grounds
- Sanitising stations and Products readily available on the Marae
- Tangihanga will be allowed at Mataikotare Marae for whanau but all other hui and uses are cancelled or postponed. (See Mataikotare Marae tangihanga protocol attached)
- Marae Team to manage uncertainty and fear by practicing manaakitanga, aroha and tautoko.
- Management of whanau cases by ensuring Kia haumarua kia noho ki te kainga (Stay Safe, Stay at Home) practices first and foremost with exception to the homeless Ngati Rangiteaorere whanau.

Access to Marae

All persons entering Marae must sign an attendance register at the gate this includes names, contact details of adults and children entering the marae.

- No public members allowed to enter Marae or reserved lands.
- At the gate all persons will be asked;
 - Have you had any overseas travel or come into contact with overseas travellers in the last 14days?
 - Have you got a cold/flu or are you experiencing any flu like symptoms?
 - What is your reason for coming to the Marae?
 - Confirm entry into the Marae is at their own risk.

2. HEALTH MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mataikotare Marae Approach

Mataikotare Marae approach to this pandemic threat is to align with the recommendations of the Ministry of Health agency and to avoid causing unnecessary panic.

Mataikotare Marae primary communication channels will be via text, telephone, email, social media and alerts to whanau via Facebook and text. Media statements may also be issued and whanau may be briefed as required.

Mataikotare Marae responses will be initiated by Mataikotare Marae Trustees and supported by Ngati Rangiteaorere Koromatua Council (NRKC) and or their delegated representative/s and will be co-ordinated, managed and implemented by them. These are as to

Security and authority to call in the police, local council or Ministry health to have anyone removed who is not authorised to use the facilities.

Heath, hygiene, cooking and communications – Ms Rhipa Taiatini insert mobile.

Notification of change in Alert Code will come to the NRKC General Manager, Kahuariki Hancock 0226200504 or Leanne Phillips 0275982746 from the relevant Government health agency.

Using best endeavours the Trustees and General Manager or their delegated representative/s will determine the suitable response.

The levels that have been adopted and a summary of the actions are available on <https://www.covid19.govt.nz>

3. Ngati Rangiteaorere Koromatua Council and Marae Trust Resolution

At a meeting held on Thursday 26th March 2020, a direction was issued by Mataikotare Marae Trustees (Supported by NRKC) that Mr Tai Pene will have delegated authority to oversee Marae Security and trespassers. Full observance of Marae Pandemic plan including cleaning, hygiene, signage and possible cooking will be carried out by Ms Rhipa Taiatini 02041137084

If you have any questions regarding this Marae Pandemic Plan please contact Leanne Phillips 0275982746.

Ngati Rangiteaorere Level 4 COVID-19 Tangihanga Plan

Mataikotare Marae will remain open for Tangihanga of Whanau subject to strict health and safety guidelines as follows:

New Kawa for Tangihanga in Covid 19 Environment

- Mataikotare Marae will be available for Ngati Rangiteaorere Whanau Pani and immediate whanau only to bring their bereaved to lay in Rangiwhakaekeau for ONE night.
- No hongis, Kihis or close contact. Please see attached video of hongis from a distance released in conjunction with New Zealand Maori Council. This rule will be strictly enforced on our marae.
- Numbers in whare limited to maximum of 12 people.
- Social distancing practices to be adhered to at all times.

- Frequent use of hand sanitisers and frequent washing of hands with soap using paper towels for drying.
- Limited hospitality from Dining Room, cup of tea and biscuits only for manuhiri.
- Whanau pani to serve themselves in dining room.
- Each individual to personally clean the utensils they will use at the table. This involves a small amount of water, dampening a tissue and wiping their own plate, utensils and cup that will be used. This is an additional hygiene precaution to ensure that hygiene standards are being adhered too.
- If you are sick or in fragile health, stay home
- Kaumatua over 70years advised to stay home
- Tamariki to stay home

The Marae Committee will investigate live stream facilities. It is for whanau to connect whanau into the tangihanga by using their own devices like cellphones and facebook.

Mataikotare Marae and Lakeside reserve are now closed to the Public.

All other existing social functions like 21st Birthdays or Weddings are regrettably postponed or cancelled.

We, your Trustees of Mataikotare Marae and Ngati Rangiteaorere Koromatua Council will meet regularly on line to review these decisions and our evolving new Kawa.

The decision to stay open carries with it an important responsibility to limit unnecessary risk to our Kaumatua, Pakeke and Whanau. Our old way of operating is no longer safe as it exposes too many of our Whanau who are most at risk of contraction of Covid 19. This decision is effective immediately.

If you have any queries about this message, please do not hesitate to contact Kahuariki Hancock 0226200504 or Leanne Phillips 0275982746

Na Kereama Pene

Chair – Mataikotare Marae Trust

Co chair – Ngati Rangiteaorere Koromatua Council