Te Tauihu Tangata Whenua Tangihanga Guidelines During Covid-19 Alert Level 4

He āwhina, he aroha, ngā miro tuitui i ngā haehaetanga o te mate (Love and support knit together the lacerations of anguish)

Tēnā tātou katoa,

These guidelines have been prepared to help us during this difficult time. They are based on the official guidelines for tangihanga during Alert Level 4. These guidelines may be subject to change, please also visit the Ministry of Health website. These guidelines apply to all deceased persons, regardless of when and where they died, or the cause of death.

We have Kaiwhakarite who are available to provide cultural guidance throughout this process as well as support with Karakia, Karanga and other Tikanga practices. Please contact Barney Thomas on 027 221 8918 for details. The wider whānau can participate by using technology options that may be available to them.

Whānau will need to appoint one person to liaise with Police, your GP or Health Provider and <u>Funeral Directors</u>. This is a government requirement while we are at Alert Level 4.

WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE PASSES:

In consultation with your funeral director,

- Only whānau who have been in the same isolation bubble as the tūpāpaku (i.e. whānau pani/kirimate) will be allowed to go to the funeral home, for viewing, karakia, poroporoaki and/or mihi.
- Again, only whānau who have been in the same isolation bubble as the deceased will be allowed to go to the cemetary alongside the tūpāpaku and Funeral Director.

LOVED ONE PASSES LOVED ONE PASSES IF YOUR LOVED ONE PASSES AWAY **AWAY IN HOSPITAL AWAY AT HOME OVERSEAS/OUTSIDE REGION OR LOVED ONE FROM ELSEWHERE** PASSES AWAY IN TE TAU IHU Cultural support will be provided Whānau representative must contact: within the hospital by Te Waka Police - ring 111. Hauora/Māori Health. Your loved one's GP or usual health provider. A Funeral Director. During Alert Level 4, tūpāpaku or The hospital will contact the Police. whānau are not able to travel interregionally or overseas. Please discuss If the cause of death is unknown, then a the options with your Funeral Director. post mortem may need to be undertaken. Whānau representative contact a <u>Funeral Director</u> to discuss the process of the tangihanga. The Funeral Director will uplift your loved one. Please be aware that they will be wearing full protective clothing. Burials and cremations must be carried out as quickly as possible. Depending on where you are located, there may be the ability to have the tūpāpaku interred at your whānau/iwi urupā. You may also elect to have the tūpāpaku embalmed then held by the Funeral Director. Discuss these options with your Funeral Director

Also consider contacting:

- Your iwi to activate iwi financial tangihanga support provision to members.
- **WINZ** to activate financial tangihanga support to those who qualify.
- Māori urupā trustees if this is the planned burial choice.
- Iwi, hapū, whānau, others to inform them of your loved one's passing & burial/cremation details.
- Your Funeral Director to discuss the possibility of livestreaming the burial/cremation.

These guidelines are based on the Alert Level 4 Tangihanga Guidelines and the structure was based on the Waikato Tainui model.

Through our ongoing and significant relationship with Maataa Waka we, the eight iwi of Te Tauihu, have collaborated to develop these guidelines for the needs of our rohe in consideration of Alert Level 4. E hara taku toa i te toa takitahi. He toa takitini.

Tuku aroha ki mua, tuku aroha ki muri, kia tū te aroha o nāianei (Extend love to the past, extend love to the future, extend love today)