

Te Taihū 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.

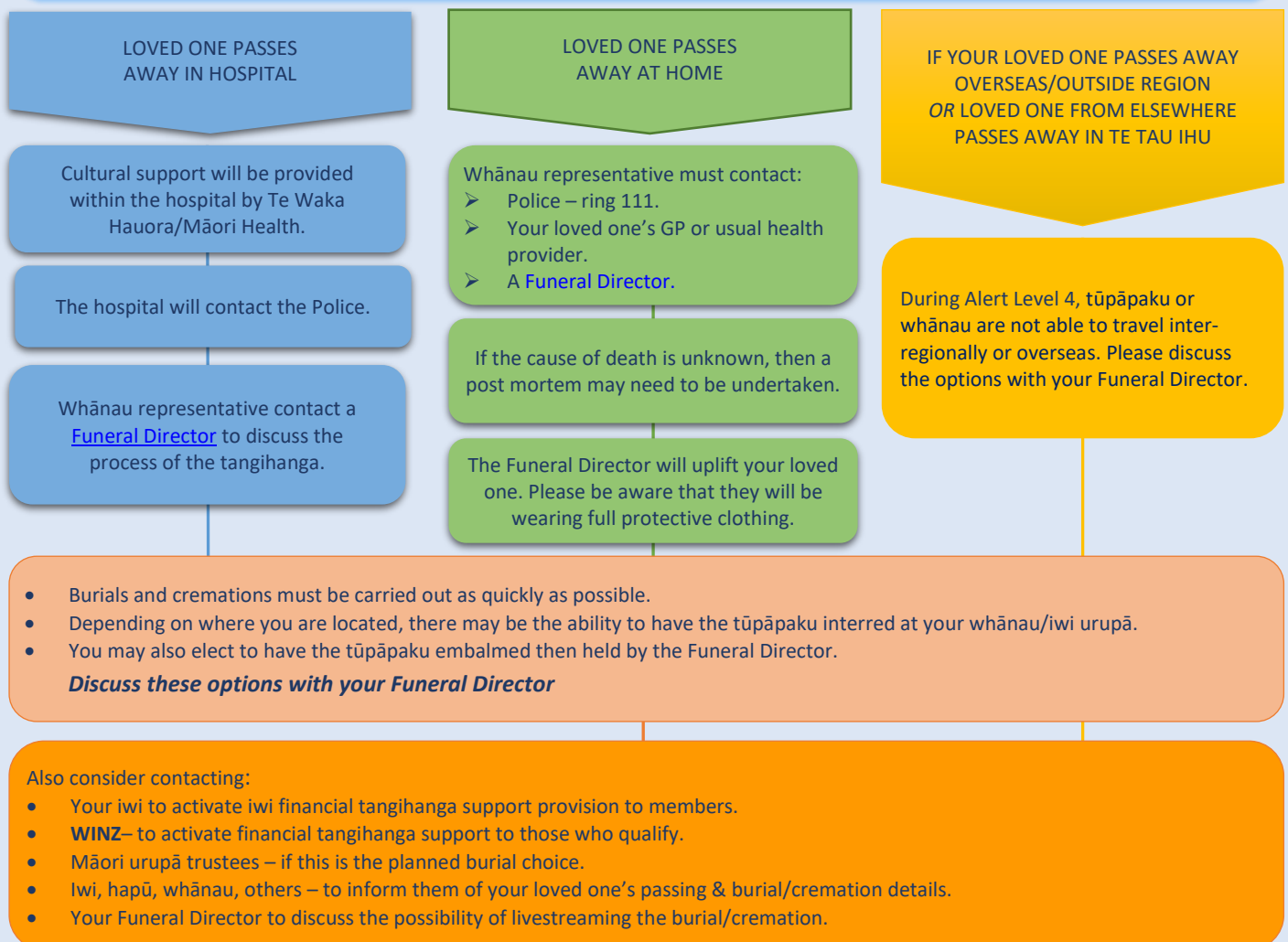
We have Kaiwhakarite who are available to provide cultural guidance throughout this process as well as support with Karakia, Karanga and other Tikanga practices. Please contact Barney Thomas on 027 221 8918 for details. The wider whānau can participate by using technology options that may be available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

Whānau will need to appoint one person to liaise with Police, your GP or Health Provider and [Funeral Directors](#). 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 cemetery alongside the tūpāpaku and Funeral Director.



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 Taihū, 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 nāianeī
(Extend love to the past, extend love to the future, extend love today)*