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Maintaining the Health & Safety of our court participants

Tēnā koutou and happy New Year,

As we begin 2021, I thought this would be a good opportunity to remind our participants about the key aspects of maintaining health and safety within the courts. If you could please share this information with the legal profession that would be much appreciated.

We are following Ministry of Health guidelines to protect the health and safety of all court participants and staff. Including:

- Courthouses are cleaned every night with a focus on high touch points.
- Face coverings and gloves will continue to be made available to participants on request at the end of the screening point.
- Hand sanitiser is also available in all buildings.

We appreciate the professions' continued support with:

- Scanning the COVID-19 QR code when entering court buildings and turning on Bluetooth for tracing purposes.
- Practicing good hygiene
- Where practicable, continuing physical distancing in courtrooms and jury retiring rooms.
- Reminding participants not to go to a courthouse if they are feeling unwell and that they can contact 0800 COURTS (0800 268 787) if they cannot enter the courthouse or are not sure whether to attend.

Please note that the wearing of face coverings is strongly encouraged in all Auckland court buildings.

Our health and safety factsheets are available on our website: [COVID-19 Information page](#).

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Ngā mihi

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Victoria McLaughlin
Acting Chief Operating Officer