**Changes from Alert Level 2**

The key change for schools and early learning services is that there are no specific public health requirements at Alert level 1.

Schools are no longer required to keep a contact tracing register, but as is usual practice will continue to keep a visitor register and maintain their attendance register (and will need to work with local health authorities to identify close contacts, should there be a case connected with the school).

Physical distancing is not a requirement but where possible or practicable, is encouraged when you are around people you don’t know.

There are no restrictions on numbers at gatherings or on physical activities including cultural and sporting activities, practices and events.

There are key public health measures – **the golden rules of Alert Level 1** -for everyone in New Zealand to follow. For schools and early learning services this will mean:

* If people are sick, they should stay home (phone Health line or their GP and get tested if they have cold or flu symptoms)
* Wash and dry hands, sneeze and cough into elbow
* Regularly disinfect shared surfaces
* Soap, water and the ability to dry hands should be provided in bathrooms.
* Support contact tracing efforts by displaying QR Code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App.
* Stringent self-isolation of those who display relevant symptoms of COVID-19, test positive for COVID-19, have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, or have been overseas in the last 14 days.