

Kia ora

Today we received confirmation from the Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) that an additional location of interest has been identified in relation to our student who tested positive with Covid-19 last week.

The new location of interest is **Level 4 of the University General Library on Alfred St (Building 109)**. Anyone who was on Level 4 from **8.00pm to 10.00pm on Monday 16 August** is considered a close contact, and should follow the required instructions, i.e., isolate for 14 days from the date of last exposure, get a test immediately, and again on day 5 (not relevant here due to more than a week passing) and day 12 after last exposure.

Anyone who was on other levels of the General Library at that time is not considered a close contact, and should self-monitor for symptoms and contact Healthline on 0800 358 5453 if they have any concerns.

The Ministry of Health's official list of '[locations of interest](#)' will be updated with this new information shortly.

Clarification on case numbers

An incorrect news report yesterday claimed there was more than one case of Covid-19 at the University of Auckland. Apparently this was due to confusion with the cases at AUT. We have now received confirmation from the Director General of Health that the University of Auckland has only a single confirmed case, which is the student who tested positive last week.

More staff acknowledgement

In recent days I have seen many examples of the extraordinary efforts our staff members are making in this latest lockdown. It is impossible to acknowledge every team by name, and you are all contributing to the effort. One team I would like to mention today is Property Services, and in particular our Security and Facilities Management teams, who work 24/7 to keep our campuses and buildings safe and functional. Thank you for your tireless efforts on behalf of the University community.

Ngā mihi nui

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