

Covid updates

Last time I wrote to you things were quite different. We were unsure how long level 4 would last, and the good news of the day was that the new case total was 29. We can now say that level 4 will come to an end at 11:59pm on Monday April 27th when we will enter level 3. Yesterday's new case total was 6. What a long way we've come.

Noteable Level 3 Updates

- bubbles can expand only to include close family/whanau, to bring in caregivers, or support isolated people. Extended bubbles should remain exclusive
- schools (years 1 to 10) and Early Childhood Education centres can safely open, but will have limited capacity. Children should learn at home if possible
- physical distancing of two meters in public, and one metre in controlled environments like schools and workplaces
- people must work from home unless that is not possible
 More updates can be found at https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-system/

The Prime Minister is urging that if you have "'If you even have a sniffle or the slightest sore throat' that you get tested. There are many testing facilities all over Wellington, and if you have any questions you can call 0800 358 5453 for free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Covid-19 and Your Business Wage Subsidy

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to e-mail Jamie at toituhub@gmail.com since he is familiar with the process of applying for and using the Wage Subsidy.

Staying Active

How are you staying active? We would love for you to send us updates on what you are doing to keep healthy and busy. Post any updates or ideas you have to <u>our facebook page! If you're looking for something to get your heart rate up.</u>

Community stories

What I have for you today is a small story about how a difficult day became slightly less difficult with the aid of a small child and her mother.

I really miss the city. I live in Aro Valley, about a fifteen minute walk to downtown, and I am very used to availing myself of the hustle and bustle of the interesting things happening a short walk away from my home. I've only ventured the fifteen minutes a couple of times to get essential groceries. I went recently once after sunset and on my way found a mother with her toddler. The toddler was recently comfortable on her feet and as a result was running away from her mother on the sidewalk. She was running towards me, smiling and laughing. She was having an absolute blast. She could not have cared less about Covid-19. I had spent the entire day in my head about the state of the world and in about five seconds this kid who had no idea what was going on, who was just excited to run towards a new person, made my day. I cannot wait for the hustle and bustle to return to Wellington, I am very happy I ran in to that young family a few days ago, and I am very proud of the actions of our communities. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Local Business Update

This week I would like to highlight that local peanut butter heroes Fix & Fogg are delivering from their Wellington base, and so are local craft brewers Garage Project. If you have any other businesses you would like to highlight, please let us know.

As always, we wish you all the best and hope that you and yours are staying happy, healthy and safe. Please send us any updates you have, and any stories you would like to share. E-mail us at toituhub.ops@gmail.com