



# Helensville Birthing Centre

TE PUNA WHĀNAU KI TE AWAROA

## **Temporary Visitor Policy** 31 August 2020

On 31 August 2020 Auckland moved out of alert level 3 to **alert level 2** for COVID 19.

Maternity is a high risk potential area and we must continue to support the safety of our staff and women and their babies. At all alert levels, infection prevention and control principles must be adhered to including preadmission screening for risk of COVID 19. There must also be physical distancing, unless required to provide clinical care. In such cases, PPE must be used where appropriate. Moving to alert level 2 means we are now able to allow restricted visiting.

- Women who birth at Helensville Birthing Centre may have two nominated support people with them in labour. One person may stay in the postnatal area with the woman and baby. The other person may visit once per day.
- Women who transfer to Helensville Birthing Centre may have one nominated support person stay with them during their postnatal stay. One other nominated support person may visit once per day, this must be the same person throughout the stay.

On arrival screening for COVID 19 occurs and contact details form is to be completed by all support people / visitors. COVID tracer poster is available to be scanned.

To enable staff to maintain physical distancing only one nominated support person can visit at a time.

This policy is current 31 August 2020, however, it may change in response to advice from the Ministry of Health to reflect the changing situation of COVID 19.

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