



# Helensville Birthing Centre

TE PUNA WHĀNAU KI TE AWAROA

## **Temporary Visitor Policy** 13 May 2020

On 14 May 2020 New Zealand will be moving 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 one nominated support person with them in labour. This person may stay in the postnatal area with the woman and baby after the birth, or visit once per day.
- Women who transfer to Helensville Birthing Centre may have one nominated support person visit them during their postnatal stay. This person may stay with the woman at her request, or visit once per day.

On arrival a health declaration and contact details form is to be completed by all support people / visitors.

This policy is current 13 May 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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