

ANTENATAL AND NEWBORN SCREENING PROVISION DURING COVID-19 GOVERNMENT ALERT LEVEL

ANTENATAL SCREENING FOR DOWN SYNDROME AND OTHER CONDITIONS					
DHB Alert Level					
		Green	Yellow	Orange	Red
Government Alert Level	1	ANTENATAL SCREENING FOR DOWN SYNDROME AND OTHER CONDITIONS PROVIDED AS PER STANDARD CARE ACROSS ALL ALERT LEVELS			
	2	1st trimester maternal serum and ultrasound (anatomy and nuchal translucency) provided as standard maternal care across all alert levels			
	3	If 1st trimester screening not completed, second trimester screening offered (offer and referral made electronically where appropriate for Alert Levels 3 and 4)			
	4	Referral to specialist and diagnostic testing for women with high risk result who consent to referral (provision of risk result and for high risk results, consent and referral may be completed electronically or face-to-face at the discretion of the LMC for Alert Levels 3 and 4)			
		Specialist consult provided as standard care - may be provided via telephone or video if appropriate for Alert Levels 3 and 4 and DHB Alert Levels Orange and Red			
		Diagnostic testing (amnio or CVS) provided by DHBs as standard care across all alert levels			
NEWBORN METABOLIC SCREENING					
DHB Alert Level					
		Green	Yellow	Orange	Red
Government Alert Level	1	NEWBORN METABOLIC SCREENING PROVIDED AS PER STANDARD CARE ACROSS ALL ALERT LEVELS			
	2	Blood spot can be taken from 24 hours post birth by midwife or hospital phlebotomist if this better fits schedule of visits (optimal time for sample taking is 48 - 72 hours)			
	3	Recollections completed in consultation with LabPlus Samples dispatched to LabPlus consistent with existing arrangements			
	4	Second sample completed as required by LabPlus for diagnostic testing as per existing arrangements Referral to specialist and treatment/intervention initiated			
NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING (NBHS) AND DIAGNOSTIC AUDIOLOGY (DA)					
DHB Alert Level					
		Green	Yellow	Orange	Red
Government Alert Level	0	Business as Usual UNHSEIP			Notification of COVID-19 restrictions being implemented
	1	NBHS and DA provided as per standard care Limited one adult/baby			NBHS and DA for all babies* - inpatients and outpatients
	2	NBHS and DA for all babies* - inpatients and outpatients Limited travel to rural outpatient clinics			NBHS for hospital births and prioritised cases* DA for acute and prioritised cases
	3	NBHS for hospital births and prioritised cases* in outpatient clinic (babies requiring aABR2 or aged 6wks-3mths) DA for acute and prioritised cases* (3mths and older) - non-acute and low priority DA paused			NBHS for hospital births/inpatients only Acute DA provided / non-acute DA paused
	4	NBHS prioritised for hospital births/inpatients only. Staggered screening teams not overlapping shifts Outpatient NBHS paused unless it can be delivered safely for prioritised cases*. DA for acute cases - non-acute DA paused			NBHS paused - tracking and follow up of babies to ensure screening / OAE is completed once feasible. DA for acute cases
* Must be COVID-19 screened prior to coming to appointment. Screeners and Audiologists must list all contacts for tracing and retain COVID-19 questionnaire for each parent/outpatient baby					