



COVID-19 RESPONSE - PUBLIC STATEMENT

UN Youth New Zealand is committed to the welfare and hauora of our participants, volunteers, their whānau and communities. Education is our passion, but personal welfare is our absolute priority. As a result, we treat the threat of COVID-19 community transmission in Aotearoa New Zealand very seriously.

The National Executive of UN Youth have developed the following COVID-19 Response Plan. This plan is made in careful consideration of government and Ministry of Health advice and regulations. Please note that this plan is only intended as an immediate response to the current situation, and may be subject to further amendment by UN Youth moving forward.

Events

In-person events in parts of New Zealand at Alert Levels 0 - 1 will run normally, with extra detail paid to hygiene and sanitation.

In-person events in parts of New Zealand at Alert Level 2 will only run at the discretion of the respective Regional Council, after an Event Welfare Plan has been approved by UN Youth's National Executive demonstrating how social distancing, contact tracing and particularly high standards of hygiene and sanitation will be maintained.

In-person events in parts of New Zealand at Alert Levels 3 - 4 will not run.

As a result of the risk of COVID-19 community transmission in New Zealand, UN Youth has cancelled NZ Model UN 2020.

We know that the cancellation of NZ Model UN and other events will come as a major disappointment to many of you. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused. This decision was made with the utmost consideration, in light of the benefit of public health and the clear message of the government to practice precaution.

Refunds

If you have paid an event registration or attendance fee, you will be refunded. Refunds will likely take some time to process. We ask for your patience and understanding as we carry out our refund procedures.

Please direct any questions to the National President of UN Youth, Mark Howard, at mark.howard@unyouth.org.nz. From all of our volunteers; we wish you a healthy and safe month ahead and hope to see you later in the year.