

# Responding to COVID-19: Your questions answered

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### INTRODUCTION

#### **WELCOME**

Kayt Bronnimann is a capability advisor with Charities Services and will present the webinar on the **Responding to COVID-19** today.

She will be joined by some of her colleagues from Charities Services as well as a representative from Hapai Hapori Community Operations.

### LOGISTICS

- Make sure you connect to the computer audio when you join.
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- This webinar is being recorded and will be uploaded to the Charities Services website and Youtube channel.
- Listen-only webinar. Click the Q&A icon to type questions. If your question doesn't get answered during the webinar, email us at info@charities.govt.nz
- A link to all the resources will be sent to you after the webinar. They will also be available on our website on the webinars page.

#### **RESPONDING TO COVID-19**

- Uncertain and tough times. But we are here to help.
- Always keep up-to-date on any new developments by checking the Government's COVID-19 website:

https://covid19.govt.nz/



#### TODAY'S WEBINAR WILL COVER

- How should charities be operating during this time?
- What should charities be prioritising in their planning?
- Documenting finances and decision making.
- How to support and engage volunteers and staff during COVID-19.
- What if charities need to hit pause or wind up?

## HOW SHOULD CHARITIES BE OPERATING DURING THIS TIME?

- Planning ahead for each of the alert levels.
- https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-system/covid-19-alert-system
- Prioritise the safety and wellbeing of your staff, volunteers and stakeholders.
- Working remotely and staying connected.
- AGMs, events and gatherings under the different alert levels.

## HOW SHOULD CHARITIES BE OPERATING DURING THIS TIME?

- Be aware of scams
- Look out for: scam or phishing emails, emails containing malware, text message scams
- Visit cert.govt.nz for more information
- Take care with personal information
- Use caution using apps such as House Party or TikTok

### WHAT SHOULD CHARITIES BE PRIORITISING IN THEIR PLANNING?

- Continue to meet remotely
- Risk planning
- Keeping safe
- Legal obligations
- Financial position
- Funding



## WHAT SHOULD CHARITIES BE PRIORITISING IN THEIR PLANNING?

- Government support:
  - Wage subsidy
  - Small business cash flow loan



- Financial support tool
- https://workandincome.govt.nz/covid-19

#### COMMUNICATION

Clear messaging

- Information heavy environment
- Think about electronic communications
- Government COVID pages for key messaging

# RECORDKEEPING: FINANCES AND DECISION MAKING

- Keep up with meeting minutes
- Continue to record your finances
- Annual reporting to Charities
  Services
- Audits

#### **VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF**

- Offer reassurance
- Different staff needs and circumstances
- Keeping staff safe when they are at

work

Remote working



## WHAT IF CHARITIES NEED TO PAUSE OR WIND UP?

- Pressing the pause button
- Collaboration
- Winding up
- Donor advised funds

#### HOW CHARITIES SERVICES IS WORKING

- Working from home but open and available to you
- Online clinics instead of face to face engagement
- Keeping connected with sector representatives
- We want to hear your stories



### **QUESTIONS?**

- Email info@charities.govt.nz
- •Our COVID-19 pages:
  - https://charities.govt.nz/covid-19/
- •Thank you and stay safe!