

Family Ministries (NZ)

Restoring Family Foundations

COVID-19 Update – Family Ministries NZ

17 March 2020

Due to the exceptional circumstances around the world currently with the spread of COVID-19 we feel it important to release a statement from our Leadership team and Trust here at Family Ministries NZ (YWAM Matamata)

At present New Zealand is taking measures to limit the spread of the virus and as a base we are also taking heed of the advice our government has put in place. The health and safety of our volunteers, students and guests is imperative and we have implemented policies that we ask all people on base to follow.

From the 16th March 2020 all visitors coming into New Zealand must adhere to strict self-isolation guidelines for two weeks upon arrival. We are implementing this on our base, and we have the facilities to do this in a safe way. Good hygiene practices have also been put in place to limit the possible spread. We have procedures and measures in place to make sure that we are equipped also for any situation that may arise in the next few weeks.

At present our schools are still operating for this year.

Our current FMS is in week 8 and going well, there have been slight changes with speaker rosters due to travel restrictions, but it is school as normal at present.

Our July DTS will still be going ahead, as this is still roughly 4 months away, we have no reason for concern at this point to cancel or postpone. Of course, we will keep all applicants updated if anything changes in due course. The virus may mean a change in outreach location, but this is also an unknown at this point.

The 21 Day Family Equip course is also scheduled to run in November.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our registrar on info@fm.org.nz

Please continue to check updates as below regarding immigration and health care.

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/media-centre/news-notifications/coronavirus-update-inz-response>

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

Let us also continue to pray for peace in the face of fear and uncertainty. Join us to intercede for breakthrough with the virus and healing for many of those affected. 2 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

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