

'Bubble of one' for workers who are close contacts

- At Phase Two and Phase Three of the Omicron response, any business or sole trader may have a worker who is a close contact on-site if this worker is not customer facing, and can maintain a 'bubble of one' while at work (including travel to and from work)
- The requirements are that the worker:
 - is vaccinated
 - does not have any symptoms (asymptomatic)
 - is able to maintain an individual 'bubble of one' while at work (whether indoors or outdoors).
- They are not required to use rapid antigen testing as part of this, nor are businesses required to register for 'bubble of one'.

At work, the worker must do the following to maintain a 'bubble of one':



Use a medical mask at all times (including wearing a medical mask before entry to the workplace, and changing as needed during the day)



Comply with any infection prevention and control protocols at work



Work in an indoor or outdoor space with no others present in that space (defined as an indoor space that has direct airflow with other spaces, or an outdoor space that is separated by at least two metres from other outdoor spaces)



Travel solo, to, from and around work or between jobs (the worker cannot use public transport)



Eat alone in a well-ventilated space, outdoors where possible



Use a dedicated bathroom (if this is not possible, no others should be present in the bathroom while the worker is using it)



Ensure that if symptoms develop at any stage, follow the public advice for close contacts with symptoms on the Ministry of Health website **Actions for Contacts - Ministry of Health**



Continue participating in regular workplace surveillance testing if this is already in place



At home, the worker must self-isolate as per standard for close contacts, including testing if applicable



Further information about the current requirements is available from the Ministry of Health.

Contact tracing for COVID-19 — Ministry of Health