

Media release

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Wairarapa DHB is prepared for NZNO nurses strike

Wairarapa DHB is preparing for strike action by participating members of the New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO) between 11am and 7pm on **Wednesday 9 June**. This action involves DHB nursing staff and healthcare assistants who are NZNO members.

Clinical services that will remain open during the strike include:

- Emergency Department
- Paediatric inpatient ward
- Acute surgery
- High dependency units
- Adult inpatient services
- Acute mental health services
- Rehabilitation Unit
- Maternity
- Palliative care
- Some chemotherapy services
- Some community nursing eg medication run services.

Clinical services that won't be available include:

- Outpatient clinics
- Elective surgery
- Day procedures unit
- COVID-19 vaccination clinic.

There will also be some changes to services the day before the strike to reduce the pressure on the hospital. Some patients who have treatment booked immediately prior to, or during the strike action have been contacted to reschedule their appointments.

The DHB is prioritising the safety of staff, patients and their families during the strike. Contingency plans have been put in place to help maintain essential services on day.

The DHB is encouraging the community to remember to keep ED free for emergencies. People requiring non-urgent healthcare should contact their medical centre or call Healthline on 0800 611 116.

More information

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