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Group events at Level 2

Heading into Saturday and Sunday, a reminder that the maximum number of people who can gather remains at 10 for now, and that this applies to both private and public gatherings including church and faith based ones. The only exceptions to this are funerals and tangihanga registered by funeral directors with the Ministry of Health.

'We provided our health advice to the Government on numbers at Level 2 to minimise the mixing and mingling involved in larger groups,' says the Director-General of Health Dr Ashley Bloomfield.

'I know many people, including those of faith, want to move as quickly as possible to increase the size of their gatherings. I know how important it is for people to be able to practise their faith together.

'As we head into the weekend, I want to acknowledge once again the support and patience of New Zealanders right through Levels 4 and 3.

'The number of people at gatherings will be one of the specific issues being reconsidered by Cabinet on Monday.'