

COVID-19 Protection Framework (traffic lights)

The traffic light settings protect one another, keep business operating, schools open, and the health system running well.

Factors for considering a shift between levels

- vaccination coverage;
- capacity of the health and disability system;
- testing, contact tracing and case management capacity; and
- the transmission of COVID-19 within the community, including its impact on key populations.

Decisions will also include other factors, including economic and social impacts and operational considerations.

Localised protections and lockdowns: can be used as part of the public health response, in addition to other measures, where necessary to protect affected communities.

My Vaccine Pass: the official record of COVID-19 vaccination status. Everyone is legally required to provide My Vaccine Pass to enter places that have vaccination requirements in place to operate under the traffic light settings. Some places may also choose to put in place their own vaccination requirements. Children under the age of 12 years and three months do not need to provide a vaccine pass, but they do count towards capacity limits. A negative test result is not a substitute.

You cannot be asked to provide your Vaccine Pass to access basic needs services, including supermarkets, dairies, petrol stations, public transport, pharmacies and essential health care. This also applies to specific education and housing services.

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| <p>GREEN</p> | <p>COVID-19 across New Zealand, including sporadic imported cases.</p> <p>Limited community transmission.</p> <p>COVID-19 hospitalisations are at a manageable level.</p> <p>Whole of health system is ready to respond – primary care, public health, and hospitals.</p> | <p>General settings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record keeping/scanning required • Face masks required on flights and for workers at gatherings • Public facilities (e.g. libraries, museums, public pools) – open <p>No limits if My Vaccine Pass is used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitality (e.g. cafes, restaurants, bars) • Gatherings at your home <p>If My Vaccine Pass is not used, the following restrictions apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitality (e.g. cafes, restaurants, bars) – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing, seated and separated • Gatherings at your home – up to 100 people • Other gatherings (e.g. weddings, tangihanga, faith based services, marae, social sports) – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retail (e.g. shops, banks, outdoor markets, takeaway-only businesses) – open • Workplaces – open • Other gatherings (e.g. weddings, tangihanga, faith based services, marae, social sports) • Events (e.g. cinemas, concerts, auctions, sporting events) • Events (e.g. cinemas, concerts, auctions, sporting events) – up to 100 people based on 1m distancing, seated and separated may apply for service of food and drink • Close-proximity businesses (e.g. hairdressers, beauty salons) – face coverings for staff, 1m distancing between customers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education (schools, ECE, tertiary) – open • Accommodation (e.g. hotels, cabins, backpackers) – open • Close-proximity businesses (e.g. hairdressers, beauty salons) • Outdoor community gatherings (e.g. a community fair) • Gyms • Outdoor community gatherings (with uncontrolled access, e.g. a public parade) – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing • Gyms – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing |
| <p>ORANGE</p> | <p>Community transmission with pressure on health system.</p> <p>Whole of health system is focusing resources but can manage – primary care, public health, and hospitals.</p> <p>Increasing risk to at-risk populations.</p> | <p>General settings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record keeping/scanning required • Face masks are required in some places (e.g. on flights, public transport, taxis, retail, public facilities, for workers at gatherings) and encouraged elsewhere <p>No limits if My Vaccine Pass is used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitality (e.g. cafes, restaurants, bars) • Gatherings at your home <p>If My Vaccine Pass is not used, the following restrictions apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitality (e.g. cafes, restaurants, bars) – takeaway only • Gatherings at your home – up to 50 people • Other gatherings (e.g. weddings, tangihanga, faith based services, marae, social sports) – up to 50 people, based on 1m distancing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public facilities (e.g. libraries, museums, public pools) – open with capacity limits based on 1m distancing • Retail (e.g. shops, banks, outdoor markets, takeaway-only businesses) – open with capacity limits based on 1m distancing • Other gatherings (e.g. weddings, tangihanga, faith based services, marae, social sports) • Events (e.g. cinemas, concerts, auctions, sporting events) • Close-proximity businesses (e.g. hairdressers, beauty salons), events (e.g. cinemas, concerts, auctions, sporting events) and gyms are not able to operate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workplaces – open • Education (schools, ECE, tertiary) – open with public health measures in place • Accommodation (e.g. hotels, cabins, backpackers) – open • Close-proximity businesses (e.g. hairdressers, beauty salons) • Outdoor community gatherings (e.g. a community fair) • Gyms • Outdoor community gatherings (with uncontrolled access, e.g. a public parade) – up to 50 people, based on 1m distancing |
| <p>RED</p> | <p>Action needed to protect health system – system facing unsustainable number of hospitalisations.</p> <p>Action needed to protect at-risk populations.</p> | <p>General settings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record keeping/scanning required • Face masks required in many places (e.g. on flights, public transport, at retail, events, some gatherings, schools (years 4 - 13), tertiary, and in public facilities. Encouraged elsewhere <p>With My Vaccine Pass, the following restrictions apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitality (e.g. cafes, restaurants, bars) – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing, seated and separated • Gatherings at your home – up to 100 people • Other gatherings (e.g. weddings, tangihanga, faith based services, marae, social sports) – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing <p>If My Vaccine Pass is not used, the following restrictions apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitality (e.g. cafes, restaurants, bars) – takeaway only • Gatherings at your home – up to 25 people | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public facilities (e.g. libraries, museums, public pools) – open with capacity limits based on 1m distancing • Retail (e.g. shops, banks, outdoor markets, takeaway-only businesses) – open with capacity limits based on 1m distancing • Gyms – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing • Events (e.g. cinemas, concerts, auctions, sporting events) – up to 100 people based on 1m distancing, seated & separated may apply for service of food & drink • Close-proximity businesses (e.g. hairdressers, beauty salons) – face coverings for staff and public health requirements in place • Other gatherings (e.g. weddings, tangihanga, faith based services, marae, social sports) – up to 25 people, based on 1m distancing • Close-proximity businesses (e.g. hairdressers, beauty salons), events (e.g. concerts, sporting events) and gyms are not able to operate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education (schools & ECE) – open with public health measures in place • Workplaces – working from home may be appropriate for some staff • Accommodation (e.g. hotels, cabins, backpackers) – open • Outdoor community gatherings (e.g. a community fair) – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing • Tertiary education – open onsite with capacity limits based on 1m distancing • Tertiary education – alternative learning options only • Outdoor community gatherings (with uncontrolled access, e.g. a public parade) – up to 25 people, based on 1m distancing |