

# COVID-19 Protection Framework (traffic lights)

The new framework provides a guide to protecting one another, keeping our health system running well and businesses open.

## 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 your COVID-19 vaccination status for use in Aotearoa New Zealand.

You will be legally required to provide your Vaccine Pass to enter places that have vaccination requirements in place in order to operate under the current traffic light setting. This may include hospitality venues, events, gatherings, and gyms.

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.

<p><b>GREEN</b></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><b>General settings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record keeping/scanning required</li> <li>• Face coverings mandatory on flights</li> </ul> <p><b>No limits if My Vaccine Pass is used for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitality (e.g. cafes, restaurants, bars)</li> <li>• Gatherings at your home</li> <li>• Other gatherings (e.g. weddings, tangihanga, places of worship, marae, social sports)</li> </ul> <p><b>If My Vaccine Pass is not used, the following restrictions apply:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitality (e.g. cafes, restaurants, bars) – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing, seated and separated</li> <li>• Gatherings at your home – up to 100 people</li> <li>• Other gatherings (e.g. weddings, tangihanga, places of worship, marae, social sports) – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public facilities (e.g. libraries, museums, public pools) – open</li> <li>• Retail (including farmers markets) – open</li> <li>• Events (indoor/outdoor, e.g. concerts, cinemas)</li> <li>• Close-proximity businesses (e.g. hairdressers, beauty salons)</li> <li>• Outdoor community events (e.g. a community fair)</li> <li>• Gyms</li> <li>• Events (indoor/outdoor, e.g. concerts, cinemas) – up to 100 people based on 1m distancing, seated and separated for service of food and drink</li> <li>• Close-proximity businesses (e.g. hairdressers, beauty salons) – face coverings for staff, 1m distancing between customers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workplaces – open</li> <li>• Education (schools, ECE, tertiary) – open</li> <li>• Outdoor community events (with uncontrolled access, e.g. a public parade) - up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing</li> <li>• Gyms - up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing</li> </ul>
<p><b>ORANGE</b></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><b>General settings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record keeping/scanning required</li> <li>• Face coverings mandatory on flights, public transport, taxis, retail, public venues, encouraged elsewhere</li> </ul> <p><b>No limits if My Vaccine Pass is used for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitality (e.g. cafes, restaurants, bars)</li> <li>• Gatherings at your home</li> </ul> <p><b>If My Vaccine Pass is not used, the following restrictions apply:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitality (e.g. cafes, restaurants, bars) – contactless only</li> <li>• Gatherings at your home – up to 50 people</li> <li>• Other gatherings (e.g. weddings, tangihanga, places of worship, marae, social sports) – up to 50 people, based on 1m distancing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public facilities (e.g. libraries, museums, public pools) – open with capacity limits based on 1m distancing</li> <li>• Retail (including farmers markets) – open with capacity limits based on 1m distancing</li> <li>• Other gatherings (e.g. weddings, tangihanga, places of worship, marae, social sports)</li> <li>• Events (indoor/outdoor, e.g. concerts, cinemas)</li> <li>• Close-proximity businesses (e.g. hairdressers, beauty salons), events (indoor/outdoor, e.g. concerts, cinemas) and gyms are not able to operate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workplaces – open</li> <li>• Education (schools, ECE, tertiary) – open with public health measures in place</li> <li>• Close-proximity businesses (e.g. hairdressers, beauty salons)</li> <li>• Outdoor community events (e.g. a community fair)</li> <li>• Gyms</li> <li>• Outdoor community events (with uncontrolled access, e.g. a public parade) - up to 50 people, based on 1m distancing</li> </ul>
<p><b>RED</b></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><b>General settings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record keeping/scanning required</li> <li>• Face coverings mandatory on flights, public transport, taxis, retail, education (Year 4 and up, including tertiary), public venues, encouraged elsewhere</li> </ul> <p><b>With My Vaccine Pass, the following restrictions apply:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitality (e.g. cafes, restaurants, bars) – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing, seated and separated</li> <li>• Gatherings at your home – up to 100 people</li> <li>• Other gatherings (e.g. weddings, tangihanga, places of worship, marae, social sports) – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing</li> </ul> <p><b>If My Vaccine Pass is not used, the following restrictions apply:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitality (e.g. cafes, restaurants, bars) – contactless only</li> <li>• Gatherings at your home – up to 25 people</li> <li>• Other gatherings (e.g. weddings, tangihanga, places of worship, marae, social sports) – up to 25 people, based on 1m distancing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public facilities (e.g. libraries, museums, public pools) – open with capacity limits based on 1m distancing</li> <li>• Retail (including farmers markets) – open with capacity limits based on 1m distancing</li> <li>• Gyms – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing</li> <li>• Events (indoor/outdoor, e.g. concerts, cinemas) – up to 100 people based on 1m distancing, seated and separated for service of food and drink</li> <li>• Close-proximity businesses (e.g. hairdressers, beauty salons) – public health requirements in place</li> <li>• Close-proximity businesses (e.g. hairdressers, beauty salons), events (indoor/outdoor, e.g. concerts, cinemas) and gyms are not able to operate</li> <li>• Tertiary education – distance learning only</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education (schools &amp; ECE) – open with public health measures in place</li> <li>• Workplaces – working from home may be appropriate for some staff</li> <li>• Outdoor community events (e.g. a community fair) - up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing</li> <li>• Tertiary education – open onsite with capacity limits based on 1m distancing</li> <li>• Outdoor community events (with uncontrolled access, e.g. a public parade) - up to 25 people, based on 1m distancing</li> </ul>