

# New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework

**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.

**Localised lockdowns:** will be used as part of the public health response in the new framework across all levels, and there may still be a need to use wider lockdowns (similar to the measures in Alert Level 3 or 4).

**Vaccination certificates:** Requiring vaccination certificates will be optional for many locations. There are some higher-risk settings where they will be a requirement in order to open to the public. Some places won’t be able to introduce vaccination requirements, to ensure everyone can access basic services, including supermarkets and pharmacies.

GREEN	COVID-19 across New Zealand, including sporadic imported cases.	<b>General settings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record keeping/scanning required</li> <li>Face coverings mandatory on flights, encouraged indoors</li> <li>Public facilities – open</li> <li>Retail – open</li> <li>Workplaces – open</li> <li>Education (schools, ECE, tertiary) – open</li> <li>Specified outdoor community events – allowed</li> </ul>		
	Limited community transmission.	<b>No limits if vaccination certificates are used for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitality</li> <li>Gatherings (e.g. weddings, places of worship, marae)</li> <li>Events (indoor/outdoor)</li> <li>Close contact businesses</li> <li>Gyms</li> </ul>		
	COVID-19 hospitalisations are at a manageable level.	<b>If vaccination certificates are not used, the following restrictions apply:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitality – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing, seated and separated</li> <li>Gatherings (e.g. weddings, places of worship, marae) – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing</li> <li>Events (indoor/outdoor) – up to 100 people based on 1m distancing, seated and separated</li> <li>Close contact businesses – face coverings for staff, 1m distancing between customers</li> <li>Gyms – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing</li> </ul>		
ORANGE	Increasing community transmission with increasing pressure on health system.	<b>General settings</b> <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> <li>Public facilities – open with capacity limits based on 1m distancing</li> <li>Retail – open with capacity limits based on 1m distancing</li> <li>Workplaces – open</li> <li>Education – open with public health measures in place</li> <li>Specified outdoor community events – allowed</li> </ul>		
	Whole of health system is focusing resources but can manage – primary care, public health, and hospitals.	<b>No limits if vaccination certificates are used for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitality</li> <li>Gatherings (e.g. weddings, places of worship, marae)</li> <li>Events (indoor/outdoor)</li> <li>Close contact businesses</li> <li>Gyms</li> </ul>		
	Increasing risk to at risk populations.	<b>If vaccination certificates are not used, the following restrictions apply:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitality – contactless only</li> <li>Gatherings (e.g. weddings, places of worship, marae) – up to 50 people, based on 1m distancing</li> <li>Close contact businesses, events (indoor/outdoor) and gyms are not able to operate</li> </ul>		
RED	Action needed to protect health system – system facing unsustainable number of hospitalisations.	<b>General settings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record keeping/scanning required</li> <li>Face coverings mandatory on flights, public transport, taxis, retail, public venues, recommended whenever leaving the house</li> <li>Public facilities – open with up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing</li> <li>Retail – open with capacity limits based on 1m distancing</li> <li>Workplaces – working from home encouraged</li> <li>Education – schools and ECE open with public health measures and controls</li> <li>Specified outdoor community events – allowed with capacity limits</li> </ul>		
	Action needed to protect at-risk populations.	<b>With vaccination certificates, the following restrictions apply:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitality – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing, seated and separated</li> <li>Gatherings (e.g. weddings, places of worship, marae) – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing</li> <li>Events (indoor/outdoor) – up to 100 people based on 1m distancing, seated and separated</li> <li>Close contact businesses – public health requirements in place</li> <li>Gyms – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing</li> <li>Tertiary education – vaccinations required for onsite delivery, with capacity based on 1m distancing</li> </ul>		
		<b>If vaccination certificates are not used, the following restrictions apply:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitality – contactless only</li> <li>Gatherings (e.g. weddings, places of worship, marae) – up to 10 people</li> <li>Close contact businesses, events (indoor/outdoor) and gyms are not able to operate</li> <li>Tertiary education – distance learning only</li> </ul>		