



# COVID-19 Vaccination Certificates

COVID-19 Vaccination Certificates are a key tool in the new  
COVID-19 Protection Framework

# Minimise and Protect

Minimisation means that we are aiming to keep the spread of COVID-19 at as low a level as possible. It means containing and controlling any outbreaks, and if practical to do so, stamping it out.



Maximise vaccination – including ensuring good coverage across geographic areas, age range, and ethnicity to prevent outbreaks



Maintain effective testing, tracing and isolating of cases and contacts when they do arise



Control transmission of the virus through sustainable public health measures



Give as much certainty and stability as possible for people, and businesses, including by removing the need for Alert Level 3 and 4 lockdowns



Catch cases at the border, but work towards removing the bottlenecks, and being more open



Ensure our hospitals and public health system are well equipped to care for cases if and when they do arise



Maintain equity in health and economic outcomes

## 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.

<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, encouraged indoors</li> <li>Public facilities – open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retail – open</li> <li>Workplaces – open</li> <li>Education (schools, ECE, tertiary) – open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specified outdoor community events – allowed</li> </ul>
	<p><b>No limits if vaccination certificates are used for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitality</li> <li>Gatherings (e.g. weddings, places of worship, marae)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Events (indoor/outdoor)</li> <li>Close contact businesses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gyms</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>If vaccination certificates are not used, the following restrictions apply:</b></p> <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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gyms – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing</li> </ul>	
<p><b>ORANGE</b></p>	<p>Increasing community transmission with increasing 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public facilities – open with capacity limits based on 1m distancing</li> <li>Retail – open with capacity limits based on 1m distancing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workplaces – open</li> <li>Education – open with public health measures in place</li> <li>Specified outdoor community events – allowed</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>If vaccination certificates are not used, the following restrictions apply:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitality – contactless only</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gatherings (e.g. weddings, places of worship, marae) – up to 50 people, based on 1m distancing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close contact businesses, events (indoor/outdoor) and gyms are not able to operate</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, public venues, recommended whenever leaving the house</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education – schools and ECE open with public health measures and controls</li> <li>Specified outdoor community events – allowed with capacity limits</li> </ul>
	<p><b>With vaccination certificates, the following restrictions apply:</b></p> <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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	
	<p><b>If vaccination certificates are not used, the following restrictions apply:</b></p> <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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close contact businesses, events (indoor/outdoor) and gyms are not able to operate</li> <li>Tertiary education – distance learning only</li> </ul>		

# What this means for business

## Businesses need to...

- *If vaccine certificates apply to your business:*
  - *Check customers' My Vaccine Pass at points of entry with a verifier app*
  - *Identification can be, but does not have to be checked*
  - *You can record in your systems whether a regular customer has been verified, but you cannot store any data from My Vaccine Pass*
  - *You can use the Verifier App to check customer's passes – third party apps are also allowed, provided no data is collected*
  - *My Vaccine Pass is the only acceptable form of evidence to meet Government requirements*
  - *Get your workforce ready*
  - *WorkSafe and the Police have enforcement roles*
- *If you choose to use vaccine certificates:*
  - *You do not have to use My Vaccine Pass as evidence, but if you use other evidence you will need to comply with privacy and human rights law*

# What this means for individuals

## Individuals need to...

- *Download your My Vaccine Pass*
  - *Digital and paper versions are acceptable*
- *Present My Vaccine Pass at entry to applicable settings*
  - *Produce evidence of compliance when requested by the PCBU or an enforcement officer e.g. My Vaccine Pass and identification*
  - *Not to share My Vaccine Pass, permit anyone else to use it, or provide anyone with a fake Pass*
- *Workers are also obligated to comply with their vaccination requirements*
  - *Not do work that requires vaccination*
  - *Provide evidence of vaccination or have a validly issued exemption*
- *You are exempted if:*
  - *You are ineligible for vaccination*
  - *Children under 12 years and 3 months*
  - *People who are clinically exempted*