

Nelson Diocese COVID-19 Protection Framework

Applies to all church services/gatherings/small groups.

16 December 2021

Factors Govt uses for considering a shift

between levels: vaccination coverage; capacity of the health & 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).

VP or open services/gatherings? Parish leadership can choose either, or both, provided a risk assessment is carried out and appropriate measures are in place to keep people safe.

	Operating under Vaccine Passport	Operating without Vaccine Passport
<p>Green</p> <p>COVID-19 across NZ. Limited community transmission. COVID-19 hospitalisations are at a manageable level. Health system is ready to respond.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No gathering size limits Scanning/Recording & Vaccine Cert. check required Face coverings encouraged Food & Drink permitted 100% of eligible participants must have vaccine pass Children's programmes can operate Communion: No common cup/intinction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit calculation is: 1 person per m² of the space or 100 people (whichever is less). But 100 people permitted in a home. Record keeping/scanning required Food & drink permitted (Seated & separated for 'events') Face coverings encouraged Children's programmes can operate Communion - No common cup/intinction
<p>Orange</p> <p>Increasing community transmission & more pressure on health system. Health system is focusing resources but can manage. Increasing risk to at-risk populations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No gathering size limits – physical distancing encouraged Scanning/Recording & Vaccine Cert. check required Face coverings required for all rostered face to face roles and strongly encouraged for all Food & drink permitted 100% of eligible participants must be vaccinated Children's programmes can operate Communion - No common cup/intinction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit calculation is: 1 person per m² of the space or 50 people (whichever is less). But 50 people permitted in a home Record keeping/scanning required Face coverings required for all rostered face to face roles and strongly encouraged for all. Physical distancing encouraged Food and drink permitted Children's programmes can operate Communion - No common cup/intinction No 'events' are permitted
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit calculation is: 1 person per m² of the space or 100 people (whichever is less). Physical distancing encouraged Scanning/Recording & Vaccine Cert. check required Face coverings required for all rostered face to face roles and strongly encouraged for all Food & drink permitted (Seated & served if an <i>event</i>) 100% of eligible participants must be vaccinated Children's programmes can operate Communion - No common cup/intinction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit calculation is: 1 person per m² of the space or 25 people (whichever is less). But 25 people permitted in a home. Physical distancing encouraged Record keeping/scanning required Face coverings required for all rostered face to face roles and strongly encouraged for all Food & drink permitted Children's programmes can operate Communion - No common cup/intinction No 'events' are permitted