

# The Anglican Diocese of Nelson

## Traffic Light System: Fact Sheet 5



### Small Groups

*Current as at 15 December 2021*

Small groups are encouraged and should continue under the Traffic Light System as their smaller numbers provide an effective way for the church community to continue to gather. Parishes might choose for small groups to meet on a Sunday instead of holding a service. (Especially at Red setting)

Small groups in homes, as well as on church premises, need to follow the government guidelines for 'gatherings'. This means that all those who lead small groups need to decide whether they wish to operate under the Vaccine Passport system or not.

All groups, whether VP or non-VP, must follow the requirements set out in the Covid-19 Protection Framework Chart in Part B of this advice. There is no requirement to keep a certain distance from others in small groups, although distancing is recommended by the Ministry of Health. For small groups meeting in someone's home and offering a non-VP gathering, attendance is limited to 100 people at Green, 50 people at Orange and 25 people at Red.

The following protocols are recommended:

- Clean high-touch surfaces such as door handles, light switches and common surfaces before and after the group meets. (Especially at Orange & Red levels).
- Maintain good ventilation
- Masks are encouraged at all levels of the traffic light system.
- Keep a record of who attends to assist with contact tracing. (You can download a QR code for your home if you wish. <https://qrform.tracing.covid19.govt.nz/>)
- Sick people must stay at home and not attend a small group or home group. Politely ask sick people to go home if they do turn up.
- Home groups are welcome to continue meeting via Zoom or other online platforms if they prefer.
- Note – At times, these rules may change or be over-ridden by lock-down mandates etc. Follow any directions that are given by health officials and/or the diocese