

TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM AT A GLANCE

A new system for Covid-19 response will take effect when all DHBs across New Zealand have 90 per cent of their population vaccinated.



Red

- Working from home encouraged. Hospitality, retail, and gatherings allowed for vaccinated but with limits similar to level 2.
- For venues that don't use vaccine certificates - contactless pickup only for hospitality, gathering limit of 10, no gyms or hairdressers.

Orange

- Close to normal life for the vaccinated, with more masks required and some capacity limits.
- For venues that don't use vaccine certificates - contactless pickup only for hospitality, stricter gathering limits, no gyms or hairdressers.

Green

- Essentially normal life for the vaccinated, with schools, retail, hospitality all open with no limits.
- For venues that don't use vaccine certificates - some gathering limits, similar to level 2.

RED

If a venue is using vaccine certificates, it could operate at something like level 2. Hospitality and events venues could have 100 people seated, with one metre distancing. Gatherings, church services, and gyms could operate with a similar limit. Close contact businesses like hairdressers could operate with some limits.

For venues that opt not to use vaccine certificates, things are closer to level 3.

ORANGE

Like under red or alert level 2, masks are required on public transport and in retail. Retail can be open with capacity limits.

However, for venues that use vaccine certificates, there are no limits. Hospitality venues could have as many people as they wanted inside, and they don't need to be masked or sitting. Gyms could run at full capacity. You can host your huge wedding with no limit.

For venues that choose not to use vaccine certificates, life is tougher. Hospitality remains contactless only - so pickup and delivery. Gatherings like worship services or weddings are limited to 50 people. Gyms and other close-contact businesses cannot open without a vaccine certificate.

GREEN

The green light is for when Covid-19 spread is isolated, with hospitalisations at a manageable level.

Under this setting masks are only required on flights. Retail, workplaces, and schools are all open with no limits or controls. Scanning in is still required.

Like under the orange light, any venue using vaccine certificates can operate freely with no limits.

Any venue not using vaccine certificates still faces some restrictions, similar to level 2.

Hospitality venues can operate but can only allow in 100 guests, who have to be seated and distanced. Gatherings and events can happen but again - only with 100 people. Gyms can operate with up to 100 people.