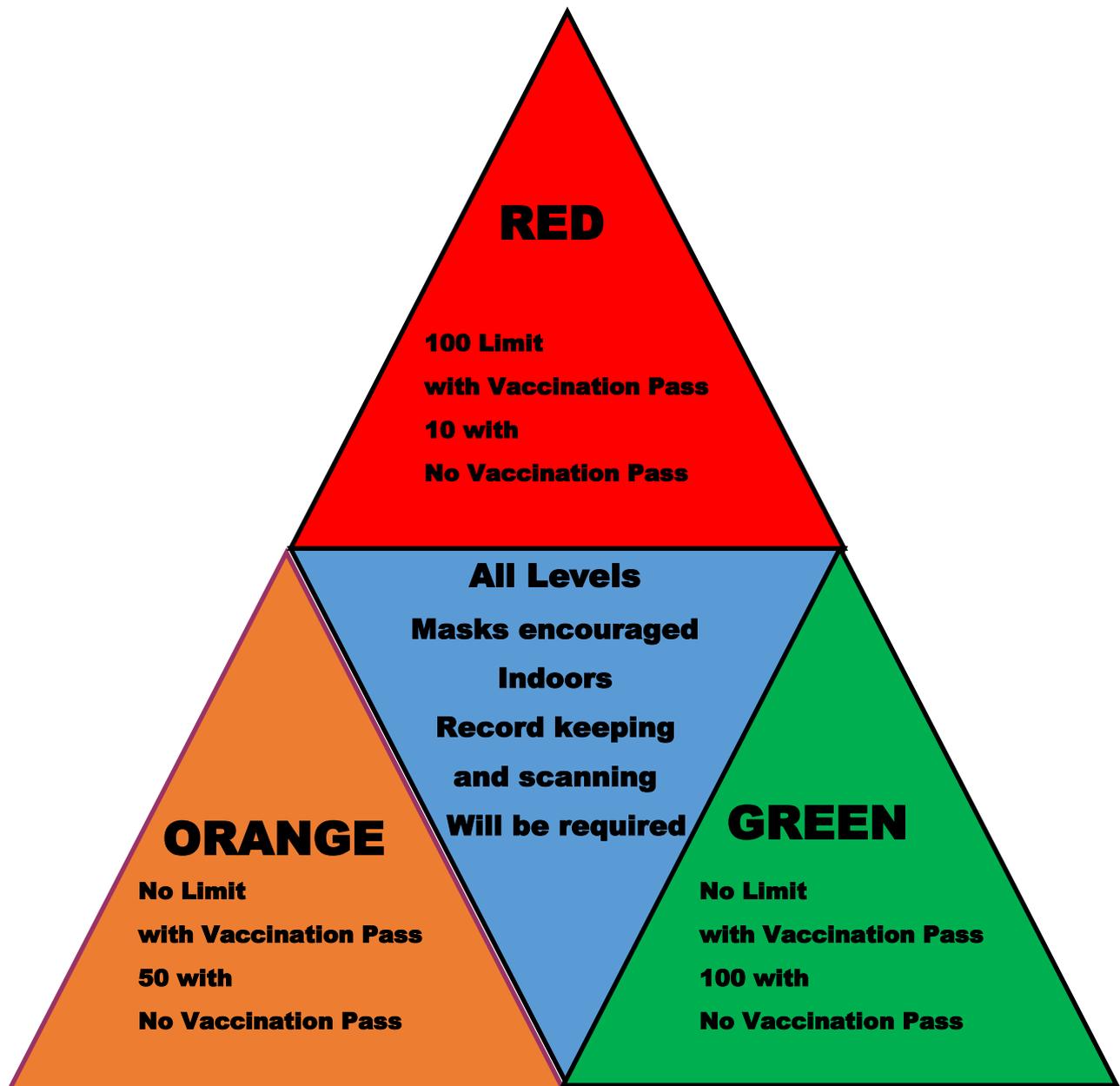


# COVID 19 PROTECTION FRAMEWORK

## FAITH GATHERING



All lay people involved in public-facing public ministries related to a worship service or other parish ministries (ushers, readers, ministers of the Eucharist, collectors, those leading liturgies of the Word, Communion to the sick, home visitation) will need to be fully vaccinated at vaccination-only Masses and when performing other work where vaccination is required.

Pending any changes accompanying the 'traffic light' system, the current situation also demands that parishes continue with measures designed to minimise the risk of transmitting Covid-19, such as encouraging the use of masks, social distancing, communion only in the hand, no holy water for blessing, and no shared hymn or other books.

## The logistics and challenges in working towards the new traffic light system.

### What does moving to the COVID-19 Protection Framework (Traffic Light System) mean for our Parish?

Next Friday the country moves to the “Traffic Light System” and this has implications for us as a parish as we gather to worship at Mass and parish life in general.

The Bishops of New Zealand in their recent pastoral letter have reminded us of the Gospel call to show care, love and respect for each other, even when others have a different view to our own.

The pastoral letter also includes some clear guidelines for parishes, including the provision of Mass for people with a *My Vaccine Pass* and ensuring as best as possible a Mass is available for people without a *My Vaccine Pass*. Those in public-facing ministries related to worship services will need to be fully vaccinated at vaccination-only Masses.

### My Vaccine Pass

Based on the government requirements - to access a Mass *next weekend* for those who are vaccinated, a [Vaccine Pass](#) will be required. A copy of one is at the foot of this page.

The *My Vaccine Pass* is an official record of your COVID-19 vaccination status for use within New Zealand that will allow you to access certain events and venues.

You can request a *My Vaccine Pass* now if you are aged 12 or over and have had 2 doses of the Pfizer vaccine

People under the age of 12 years and 3 months are not required to show proof of vaccination.

This week we strongly encourage you to obtain a *My Vaccine Pass* or ask family or friends to assist you. The document can be read when it is laminated.

Your *My Vaccine Pass* can be saved to your phone or you can print a hard copy.

You can apply for your vaccine pass at: <https://mycovidrecord.health.nz/> or by phoning 0800 222 478.

### Communication

After the announcement on Monday we will know more about the traffic light system as it relates to churches.

We will be providing more information on our Parish Facebook site and by email. If we do not have your email can you please send the parish office your email address so we can communicate with you about the arrangements that will be in place for Mass next weekend. This is important!

### Please be patient

With this new system there will be a number of logistical challenges so we ask that you to please be patient with us as we move to implementing these requirements.



Please cut out your pass and keep it somewhere safe.