

# COVID-19 Protection Framework

## Guidance for Aviation Participants

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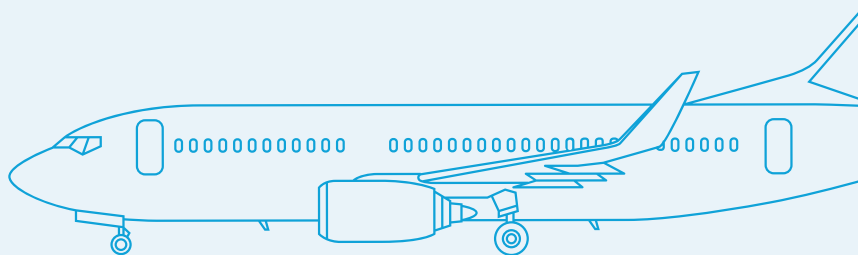
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# Section 1: Using this guidance

1. This guidance reflects the Civil Aviation Authority's understanding of the COVID-19 Protection Framework (the CPF) and provides key information for aviation participants who are not covered by the Ministry of Transport's Transport Operator Guidance.
2. The CPF does not directly refer to the Civil Aviation Rules. This guidance intends to assist participants with the application of the CPF to their aviation activities.
3. This guidance is a living document and is subject to change at any time as a result of changes to COVID-19 Public Health Response Orders.
4. This guidance should be read in conjunction with:
  - Official information about the CPF contained on [www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz)
  - The new public health order (the Order) for the COVID-19 Protection Framework, which sets out the legal settings for the CPF. The latest order can be found [here](#).
  - The Ministry of Transport's COVID-19 Protection Framework – Guidance for Transport Operators. This guidance is applicable to all operators of transport services, and can be found [here](#).
  - Information for businesses and workplaces operating under the CPF found [here](#).

For any other queries, information or advice, please contact the Civil Aviation Authority.

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# Section 2: The COVID-19 Protection Framework

## *What is the COVID-19 Protection Framework?*

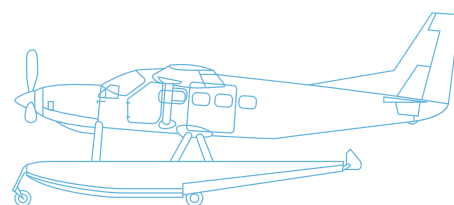
4. The CPF introduces a new flexible 3-setting approach to managing COVID-19 in the community. This replaces the previous Alert Level Framework and comes into effect from 11.59pm on Thursday 2 December 2021.

- **Red:** Action needed to protect health system and at-risk populations – different levels of restrictions on hospitality/gathering/event sizes and types of businesses and facilities that can open depending on use of My Vaccine Pass. Localised protections and lockdowns could be used as part of the public health response in the 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).
- **Orange:** Increasing community transmission with increasing pressure on health system – no restrictions on hospitality/gathering/event sizes and types of businesses and facilities that can open if vaccines certificates are used. Restrictions and many businesses cannot open if vaccines certificates are not used.
- **Green:** Limited community transmission – no restrictions on hospitality/gathering/event sizes and types of businesses and facilities that can open if vaccines certificates are used. Restrictions if vaccines certificates are not used.

5. The CPF is more flexible than the previous Alert Level system. As with the Alert Level system, New Zealand can move up levels when needed to control an outbreak.

6. Further information about the CPF is available on the [Unite Against COVID-19 website](#).

7. The COVID-19 Public Health Response (Protection Framework) Order 2021 (the Order) is the order which sets out the legal requirements of the CPF.



## ***Application of the CPF to aviation participants***

8. Under the CPF all aviation activities can operate at all colours. However, there are different requirements that must be met depending on what colour the region (that the activities are taking place in) is set at.

## ***Close-proximity businesses and services***

9. Some aviation businesses or services may be considered a close-proximity business or service under the Order. A close-proximity business or service is a business or service that can't be undertaken without physical contact or close proximity between people (defined as 1 metre between customer and worker).

10. Close-proximity businesses and services are legally required at Red and Orange to make a decision about whether they require My Vaccine Passes, and to display a sign at or near the main entrance, or somewhere prominent, indicating whether or not they are operating with My Vaccine Passes.

11. Close-proximity businesses and services can't open at Red or Orange if they decide not to follow My Vaccine Pass requirements.

12. If your business or service is not a close-proximity business or service (or one of the other businesses or services who are required at Red and Orange to make a decision, e.g. food and drink businesses), you can choose whether you use My Vaccine Pass for customers and visitors, however you are not legally required to make a decision.

## ***Gatherings***

13. Some aviation activities may be considered a gathering under the Order. A gathering is a group of people who are intermingling (not including people who remain at least 2 metres away from each other so far as reasonably practicable) and includes a gathering to undertake voluntary or not-for-profit sporting or recreational activities.

14. Gatherings can go ahead at Red and Orange, with and without My Vaccine Pass requirements, but with different restrictions for each. See the Unite Against COVID-19 website for information on gatherings at [Red](#) and [Orange](#).

## ***Travel between areas under the CPF***

15. There are no special requirements for people to be able to travel between different coloured areas under the CPF, and they can travel between areas for any reason. However, travel into, out of and through (in 1 trip) the extended Auckland area between 3 December and 14 December 2021 remains restricted. See below for more information.

## ***Auckland Boundary***

16. From 3 to 14 December 2021, travel into, out of and through (in 1 trip) the extended Auckland area is only permitted for particular personal and business reasons. See the Unite Against COVID-19 website for more information.

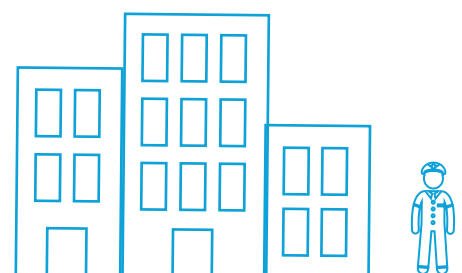
17. This means that you cannot fly across the extended Auckland boundary, unless you are travelling for a permitted personal or business reason. Recreational flights departing Auckland will need to stay within the extended Auckland area.

18. The extended Auckland area includes the Auckland Region and the Port Waikato area that were enclosed by the previous Alert Level 3/2 boundary. This area is detailed in Schedule 8 of the Order.

19. Most people travelling between 3 and 14 December 2021 will need to carry evidence of the purpose of their travel and the location of their destination. People travelling out of the extended Auckland will also need to carry either evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result or evidence of having had a COVID-19 test. The type of testing evidence required will depend on the reason for travel.

20. Between 15 December 2021 and 17 January 2021, people can travel into, out of and through the extended Auckland area for any reason, however they will need to be fully vaccinated (and carry their My Vaccine Pass) or carry evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result from a test taken no more than 72 hours before their travel out of Auckland.

21. From 18 January 2022, there will be no restrictions on travel out of Auckland.



## Section 3: Operating at Green

<b>Air Passenger Services</b> (an aviation provider that is carrying passengers for hire or reward)	<a href="#">Click here</a> for guidance provided by the Ministry of Transport about operating at green for Air Passenger Services
<b>All other aviation activities</b>	<p>In green, all other aviation activity is permitted. However, this activity may not cross the Auckland boundary as set out in <a href="#">Schedule 8 of the Order</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">Schedule 5 of the Order</a> describes the different requirements that must be met when undertaking an aviation activity in green.</p> <p>Under green, the following public health measures must also be adhered to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Record-keeping or scanning is required in some places and is always strongly encouraged.</li><li>• Face coverings are mandatory on domestic aviation flights. Face coverings are encouraged indoors.</li></ul> <p>If you are a close-proximity business or service, you also need to comply with additional requirements found in <a href="#">Subpart 2</a> of Part 3 of Schedule 5.</p>

## Section 4: Operating at Orange

<b>Air Passenger Services</b> (an aviation provider that is carrying passengers for hire or reward)	<a href="#">Click here</a> for guidance provided by the Ministry of Transport about operating at orange for Air Passenger Services
<b>All other aviation activities</b>	<p>In orange, all other aviation activity is permitted, although there are requirements that must be met under the Public Health Order. However, this activity may not cross the Auckland boundary as set out in <a href="#">Schedule 8</a> of the Order.</p> <p><a href="#">Schedule 6 of the Order</a> describes the different requirements that must be undertaking an aviation activity in orange.</p> <p>Under orange, the following public health measures must also be adhered to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Record-keeping or scanning is required in some places and is always strongly encouraged.</li><li>• Face coverings are mandatory on domestic aviation flights, small passenger services and retail spaces in transport settings (eg. retail spaces in airports). Face coverings are encouraged elsewhere when leaving the house.</li></ul> <p>If you are a close-proximity business or service, you also need to comply with additional requirements found in <a href="#">Subpart 2</a> of Part 3 of Schedule 6.</p>



## Section 5: Operating at Red

<b>Air Passenger Services</b> (an aviation provider that is carrying passengers for hire or reward)	<a href="#">Click here</a> for guidance provided by the Ministry of Transport about operating at red for Air Passenger Services
<b>All other aviation activities</b>	<p>In red, all other aviation activity is permitted, although there are requirements that must be met under the Public Health Order. However, this activity may not cross the Auckland boundary as set out in <a href="#">Schedule 8 of the Order</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">Schedule 7 of the Order</a> describes the different requirements that when undertaking an aviation activity in red.</p> <p>Under red, the following public health measures must also be adhered to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Record-keeping or scanning is required in some places and is always strongly encouraged.</li><li>• Face coverings are mandatory on domestic aviation flights, in small passenger services, and in terminals and stations. Face coverings are recommended whenever leaving the house.</li></ul> <p>If you are a close-proximity business or service, you also need to comply with additional requirements found in <a href="#">Subpart 2</a> of Part 3 of Schedule 7</p>