

# This document compiles the information pertaining to Tertiary education facilities under the NZ Covid Protection Framework

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## Tertiary education at Red

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Students can attend tertiary education in person at Red with My Vaccine Pass.

[My Vaccine Pass Advice for tertiary education providers](#)

### **Tertiary education facilities can open**

#### **With My Vaccine Pass**

Tertiary students with a My Vaccine Pass will be able to attend classes, lectures, labs, workshops, tutorials and meetings in person. They can access research spaces, student support and advisory services.

Capacity is based on 1-metre distancing.

#### **Without My Vaccine Pass**

Tertiary students who do not have My Vaccine Pass should talk to their provider about alternative learning options.

#### **Scan in or keep a record of where you go**

Scan the QR code or keep a record of where you go. This will help with contact tracing for any cases in your community.

#### **1-metre physical distancing and capacity limits**

#### **Face coverings**

Staff and students must wear a face covering indoors at tertiary education facilities and when accessing services such as student health, pharmacies and other retailers onsite.

[When to wear a face covering](#)

#### **Education when self-isolating**

If you are sick, waiting for your COVID-19 test results or have been asked to self-isolate you should stay home, and not go to your educational facility.

Your school, kura, or tertiary facility should provide distance learning options if you need to stay home.

Talk to your education provider if you or your child needs to learn from home.

#### **Student accommodation**

Student accommodation can open.

Accommodation providers can choose to require My Vaccine Pass for residents and staff. Check with your provider about their requirements.

## [Accommodation at Red](#)

### **Keep up healthy habits to protect us**

Even though we are a highly vaccinated country, COVID-19 can still spread in our communities.

To slow the spread of the virus, and continue to help protect you, your whānau, and your community, it is important to keep up the healthy habits we know.

- Regularly wash and thoroughly dry your hands or use hand sanitiser.
- Sneeze and cough into your elbow.
- Keep your distance from people you do not know.
- Clean or disinfect shared surfaces often.
- If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, stay home and get a test.

### [Keep up healthy habits](#)

# Tertiary and international education at Red

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## Tertiary education will operate with public health measures in place.

Action needed to protect health system – system facing unsustainable number of hospitalisations.

Action needed to protect at-risk populations.

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### Vaccination requirements

Only staff (including volunteers and contractors), students and visitors who are vaccinated can be onsite at tertiary education premises at Red.

The vaccination requirement will not apply to school students [accessing secondary-tertiary provision](#).

Certain basic needs services are [exempt from the vaccination requirement](#).

Other vaccination requirements may apply to certain [businesses and services onsite at tertiary education providers](#).

### Requirements on tertiary education premises

On tertiary education premises at Red, in addition to the vaccination requirement, capacity limits must be based on 1m distancing and face coverings must be used when indoors (unless an exemption applies). Tertiary education includes:

- Teaching and learning (including workshops, classes, labs, tutorials, meetings, noho marae, exams, and assessments, as well as orientation and induction activities required in teaching and learning programmes)
- Research and related activities (including activities in studios, theatres, and other spaces that creative and humanities disciplines use)
- Student support and advisory services
- Administrative and operations activities.

The requirements apply to premises where tertiary education occurs, and that premises is under the control or supervision of a tertiary education provider. This will include spaces such as libraries and indoor hubs.

These requirements do not apply to tertiary student accommodation (however, tertiary accommodation providers may consider imposing their own vaccination requirements – see [Student accommodation](#)).

Tertiary education providers will still need to comply with relevant health and safety laws, and are expected to undertake risk assessments and consider additional public health measures as appropriate.

Tertiary education providers that choose not to require My Vaccine Passes onsite at Red must close to students and visitors, and may provide distance learning only. They must have systems and processes in place to ensure that only staff are able to be onsite, and only to the extent necessary to provide distance or online learning. Face covering and 2m physical distancing rules apply.

### **Remote learning**

Where possible, providers are encouraged to make learning options available for those who are unable or unwilling to attend classes being held onsite.

### **Workplace-based learning, including apprenticeships, practicums, internships and work placements**

Workplace-based learning (including support and assessments) is to be managed subject to the policies, practices and public health control requirements that apply to that workplace (including tertiary education premises requirements as appropriate). This includes secondary school students undertaking formal workplace-based learning, for example, via the Gateway programme.

For students intending to enrol in courses or programmes that will involve workplace-based learning in a workplace setting that requires vaccination, tertiary education providers will need to ensure that students are aware that vaccination will be required for completion.

### **Secondary-tertiary provision at tertiary sites**

School students are exempt from My Vaccine Pass requirements when accessing their secondary learning in tertiary settings. Tertiary education providers should take special precautions in relation to these students and their teaching staff as appropriate for each setting, which may include alignment with school guidance.

[COVID-19 Protection Framework advice for schools and kura](#)

Other measures could include keeping class sizes small and requiring physical distancing. Secondary school students on a tertiary campus for other reasons (e.g., open days or outreach events) are not exempt from vaccine pass requirements and should follow the policies and processes set by the provider. School students should be made aware of different requirements operating across delivery sites.

Where tertiary education provider staff go on to school sites for delivery to school students, these staff members must be vaccinated.

### **Staff working onsite**

At Red, workplaces can be open. For some workers, it may be appropriate to work from home. Tertiary education providers should consider the option of having staff working from home as part of their health and safety risk assessment.

### **Onsite businesses and services (e.g., retail, hospitality, gyms, health and counselling services, student support)**

These businesses and services should operate subject to COVID-19 Protection Framework guidelines and rules for the relevant sector (e.g., retail, hospitality, gyms, close-proximity businesses). In some sectors, vaccinations will be required for staff and may be required for those accessing the premises (e.g., gyms).

Guidelines for these businesses and services are available on [COVID-19 Protection Framework \(traffic lights\) - business.govt.nz](#).

### **Onsite settings where vaccine passes cannot be required for access**

Vaccine passes cannot be required for access to certain locations, including many health and disability services, all licensed early childhood education services and registered schools, dairies, and pharmacies. See the Unite Against COVID website for the full list of vaccine pass prohibited locations.

[Unite Against COVID](#)

### **Events (e.g., graduation, conferences) and gatherings**

For guidance on holding events (e.g., graduation, conferences) or gatherings (e.g., social sports), refer to the COVID-19 Protection Framework guidance on events and gatherings at the different traffic light settings.

Details are available on the [Events and gatherings guidelines - business.govt.nz](#).

### **Record keeping and contact tracing**

Tertiary education providers are required to display the official NZ COVID Tracer QR code posters in prominent (and ideally, accessible) places at or near entrances and elsewhere onsite. They must also have an alternative contact record system for people who do not use the NZ COVID Tracer app. We encourage tertiary education providers to have contact tracing systems in place for all staff, students, and visitors onsite. This may include having systems and processes in place to ensure that each person entering the facility scans the QR code or provides details to enable contact tracing.

## **Student and staff travel**

Travel follows the general COVID-19 Protection Framework rules which are available on [Travel - Unite Against COVID-19](#).

## **Student accommodation**

There is no Government requirement for residents or staff in student accommodation to be vaccinated. We suggest that providers undertake a thorough risk assessment of their accommodation and develop proposals for operating that include clear systems and practices for staff and resident wellbeing and safety at each setting of the COVID-19 Protection Framework. As part of their risk assessment, we encourage tertiary education providers and private providers to consider the role of vaccination of staff and residents in these operating proposals, given the difficulty of applying other public health measures (physical distancing and good ventilation, for example) and the shared facilities in student accommodation.

The Tertiary and international Code of Practice (that will come into force from 1 January 2022) requires student accommodation providers to have emergency management plans in place, including plans for supporting residents when it becomes unsafe for them to remain in student accommodation. The Ministry of Education is working alongside the Ministry of Health to provide guidance on case management, and this will be available shortly.