

COVID-19 Protection Framework: GREEN Protocol

Why

The New Zealand Government has transitioned its COVID-19 strategy from elimination to protection. The New Zealand Law Society | Te Kāhui Ture o Aotearoa wants to support this strategy to create certainty and stability for employees and allows our lives to return to some resemblance of normal. Creating certainty for businesses that they can remain open to protect livelihoods and opportunities for New Zealanders to participate in normal activities while being protected from the worst effects of the virus. We want to encourage employees to work together to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by following these protocols.

Who

Under the COVID-19 Protection Framework and Law Society COVID-19 Response policy restrictions and requirements will apply differently to fully vaccinated and unvaccinated employees and visitors.

When

A change to green light will occur when the government announces a change in the COVID-19 Protection Framework level for a specific region or regions across Aotearoa.

How

For **fully vaccinated** visitors, under the COVID-19 Protection Framework at green traffic light, all movement and social distancing restrictions are removed. Masks are not required when meeting at Law Society premises or contracted event venues.

Unvaccinated visitors will not be able to enter immediately and will be asked to meet virtually or arrange an appointment where requirements can be met for a safe face to face meeting and/or the contactless handover of documents (if required).

Entry requirements for all contractors, suppliers and visitors include:

- QR scanning and record keeping are required; and
- Declare their vaccination status and present a vaccine pass/certificate; and
- Mask wearing is not required but encouraged indoors.

A sanitising and contact-tracing desk is set up at the main entrances to all offices, libraries, branches, and event venues. Available on each desk are disposable masks, sanitiser, wipes, QR code posters, sign-in sheets (if unable to QR scan) and a list of protocols to be followed.

If you have a cough, cold or flu-like symptoms you must STAY AWAY until symptom free and have a negative COVID –19 test.