

Play, active recreation and sport at GREEN



Your setting will depend on where you are in New Zealand.

This guidance covers:

- Indoor and outdoor community sport, including watersports – this can be a team sport or individual sport, contact or close-proximity, or non-contact.
- Recreational activities like walking, ocean swimming, swimming laps at the pool or going to the gym.
- Play in homes, neighbourhoods and playgrounds.



What's open at Green

- All outdoor parks, fields and playgrounds are open for use.
- You can use things like playground equipment and benches in public spaces.
- Public facilities like council-owned swimming pools and recreation centres can open with no limits.
- Gyms can open with no limits if they check vaccine passes.
- Any gym or private swimming pool that does not use vaccine passes can operate at Green, but there is a limit of up to 100 people allowing for 1m² of space per person. The capacity limit is determined by the size of the facility.
- Sports and recreational facilities can open but will need to consider additional specific rules that may apply for the commercial premises that they run such as cafes. See MBIE's [guidance for businesses](#).
- If a business, event or organisation does not wish to request proof of vaccination, they will have to operate inside more strict limits on capacity and space requirements.



Always do these things in Green

- Record keeping and scanning of the COVID-19 Tracer App is required.
- Face coverings are mandatory on flights. Face coverings are encouraged elsewhere.
- You should stay home if you are unwell and call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5433 for advice about getting tested.



Participating and spectating at Green

- When participating in sport, recreation and play activities with others follow the rules for Gatherings (below).
- The number that can meet at the Gathering depends on whether vaccine passes are required and checked or not.
- The Gathering organiser, venue or facility need to make the choice to ask for proof of vaccination. In the first instance, organisations and venues owners should talk to each other about the plan to safely run the sport or recreational activities.
- If there are capacity limits applied for your activity, multiple gatherings can still be hosted at one venue however each gathering needs to take place in a defined space. Outdoors this means that each gathering should remain at least 2 metres apart at all times. Indoors gatherings must be separated by walls and cannot share direct airflow.
- Spectators at an outdoor gathering could be treated as a separate gathering and the same limits apply to them if they remain more than 2 metres away from the players (to meet the definition of an outdoor defined space).
- There are no requirements for physical distancing while playing / participating / spectating, which means contact sports can take place; and you do not need to wear a mask when taking part.
- Capacity limits include children and those who are unable to be vaccinated, but exclude workers. Children under the age of 12 are to be treated as if they had a vaccine pass and their presence does not trigger capacity limits where My Vaccine Passes are not checked.
- You can drive outside your region to participate in sport, recreation and play based activities if there are no regional boundary restrictions currently in place.

Gatherings limits at Green



Where **vaccine passes** are checked

- If vaccine passes are checked, then there are no limits to how many people can attend
- Checking of vaccine passes is required as best as reasonably practicable in all settings

Where **no vaccine passes** checked

- If vaccine passes are not checked, or not everyone you are with is vaccinated, then the capacity limit is determined by the size of the facility. You can have a maximum of 100 people
- This capacity limit includes children. Children under the age of 12 who cannot be vaccinated are treated as if they have a vaccine pass
- This capacity limit excludes workers
- At the gathering, attendees including spectators do not have to physically distance but need to stay 2 metres away from other gatherings at all times



Checking Vaccine Passes

Where applicable, based on if vaccine passes are checked at a gathering:

- Organisers should seek confirmation from individual participants or team managers that they have a current pass wherever practicable
- Spectators entering a space where vaccine passes are checked should receive clear communication that vaccine passes are required, with checking taking place as best as is practical.



Events at Green

- Sport and recreation organisations will need to determine if their activity fits into a 'gathering' or an 'event' category. For the majority it will be clear whether something is an event or a gathering and you can move forward on this basis. We are aware of examples that may need to be worked through and we will support you with this and provide further information via webinars and fact sheets.
- Indoor and outdoor sporting events at Green that check vaccine passes have no capacity limits for participants or spectators
- Indoor and outdoor sporting events at Green that don't check vaccine passes can have up to 100 people, allowing enough space for at least 1 metre per person.