Covid-19 Protection - Red checklist



Intent

The virus is transmitted through contact between people and has worst impacts on people who are vulnerable because of other health conditions, age and/or being unvaccinated.

Contact with people will be managed carefully when it occurs. Workplace and service delivery arrangements will be made for those who are especially vulnerable to the virus.

Definition

"Close proximity business/service" - see <u>here</u> for definition. It includes a certified playgroup and an OSCAR programme delivered at premises other than the premises of a registered school. It does not include education entities or specified social services.

"Gathering" - see <u>here</u>.

"Health service" means –

- a health service within the meaning of <u>section 5(1)</u> of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003; and
- treatment or social rehabilitation provided under the <u>Accident</u> <u>Compensation Act 2001</u>; and
- disability support services within the meaning of <u>section 6(1)</u> of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000.

"In-home service" means - means a service provided to a person at the person's home or place of residence

"Specified social service" - means a service provided under the <u>Oranga</u> <u>Tamariki Act 1989</u>, and other social services provided to support persons to maintain critical well-being and as crisis support for people who are unsafe or homeless.

	KEY FEATURES For more about working during Red see <u>here.</u>
	A pass cannot be required to access health, disability, accommodation-related and specified social services.
VACCINE PASS	A pass may be required for people visiting people in accommodation-related services (eg family member visiting a person in a residential facility).
	From 4 April 2022, a pass will no longer be required by other services eg recreation, resource services).
WORKPLACE	Testing of staff in accordance with the Public Health advice (use of Rapid Antigen Tests).
	Signage at entry points - no one to enter if symptomatic, or been in contact with a diagnosed case and/or required to self-isolate.
	Follow <u>Public Health Order</u> and Public Health Guidance about safeguards.
	Provision for ongoing health services and other <u>critical</u> <u>services</u> with staff not required to isolate, including as household contacts, if certain conditions are met.

WORK ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES	 Work arrangements to enable BAU, including provision of critical services: controlling the number and mixing of people on the premises enabling physical distancing (eg staggered roster) good ventilation protection of people who are especially vulnerable to exposure and consequences of Covid-19.
PLANNING	 Contingency planning to: manage emergency supplies enable testing of kaimahi (eg with RATs) maintain stock of protective equipment including face coverings, gloves etc meet staff shortages relating to illness and need to self-isolate cover service disruptions. Plan to support those we work with if and when they become ill or have to self-isolate.
SERVICE DELIVERY	Management, in consultation with kaimahi, will decide scope of in-person, group and remote services and activities. Health and safety and infection prevention and control measures will be applied and monitored to manage risks of Covid-19 transmission and exposure. To the extend reasonably practicable, special measures may be taken to mitigate risks to rangatahi and kaimahi and their household members who are especially vulnerable to the effects of Covid-19 because of health reasons.

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	Health screening or triage may be undertaken before entry to help manage risks. Screening may include questions about remote services, delaying an appointment etc. Website kept updated about service/activities being offered.
	Numbers on site will be monitored to enable physical distancing in line with Public Health guidance.
VACCINATION	 Workplace strategies and support for all kaimahi and community to get fully vaccinated for Covid-19, including boosters. <u>Vaccination</u> required: for agencies with staff covered by <u>COVID-19</u> <u>Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order</u> 2021,or if it's assessed that risks of a position mean the person in it should be vaccinated eg in-person work, or until 4 April 2022, for anyone engaged in close-contact or other work where a vaccine pass is
	required. Management to collect and manage workforce vaccination information when vaccination is legally required for staff. Risks associated with activities will be closely monitored in light of high community transmission levels.

HUI & EVENTS	 For guidance on Marae gathering limits see here. From 26 March 2022: 200 person indoor gathering limit outdoor events will have no limits on numbers up until 11.59pm 4 April 2022, vaccine passes will be required. If vaccine passes aren't being used, <u>current</u> restrictions on events and gatherings will apply up until 11.59pm 4 April.
CONTACT TRACING	The <u>Contact Tracing</u> policy will apply including that kaimahi will maintain a record of home and offsite work where Covid Tracer not used. Kaimahi to keep track of and record contacts for off- site work - name, contact and duration of contact.
TRAVEL	Cross-boundary travel for work must comply with <u>Public Health Order conditions.</u> Kaimahi applying for leave to travel internationally to factor into their leave any quarantine or isolation periods required by the Government.

	A face covering must be worn when:
FACE COVERING	 travelling by plane on public transport services (excluding ships that do not have an enclosed space for passengers) as a visitor to a health service and while waiting in public areas of a specified social service working at a close-proximity business or service while carrying out an activity or service on site so far as mask wearing is reasonably practicable. MOH recommends that: health, disability and support workers providing care in health and disability settings wear medical masks and health service staff wear face coverings (eg, a mask) in clinical and any shared work environment, including for non-client-facing
	environment, including for non-client-facing work.
INFECTION CONTROLS	PPE to be used in accord with professional standards and Public Health advice.
	In community & primary health and disability settings, PPE use will be guided by an <u>assessment of risk.</u>
	Face masks are encouraged to manage risks in other services/activities and while working. Mandatory for public transport.
	<u>Hygiene</u> and <u>cleaning routines</u> comply with Ministry of Health guidance (eg handwashing; cleaning of surfaces).
	Signage in workplace about respiratory and hand hygiene practices.

Frequent cleaning and disinfection of common-use and other surfaces in accord with Public Health advice.