

Staying Safe Together

What the new vaccination mandate means for you



Kia ora koutou katoa parents, whānau, and caregivers.

In preparation for the governments new traffic light response to Covid 19, we are bringing to your attention the following information. This explains our response to the public health order that relates to the COVID-19 vaccination requirements for preschool visitors, parents, caregivers, and whānau.

Did you know?

- Preschool is legally required to keep a vaccination register of all adults who spend time in the preschool longer than dropping off, picking up, and settling children.
- Teachers are mandated to be fully vaccinated by the start of the New Year (and must have already had their first dose)

So what about parents and visitors?

From Monday 29th November 2021, we will require all parents, caregivers, whānau and visitors to follow safe practices when entering the preschool.

This means that if you are:

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| A parent/caregiver dropping off/picking up or settling your child | Scan in Mask up Sanitize Remember to physical distance, especially in the entry/ reception area |
| A visitor just popping in for a quick kōrero | |
| An emergency contact dropping off/picking up | |

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| Parent/Caregiver and other whānau staying at preschool for a longer amount of time or attending an event/meeting | Scan in, Sign the visitors register, Submit your vaccination record, (By 1st January 2022 you must have had two vaccinations) Mask up Sanitize Remember to physical distance |
| A regular visitor spending time in the preschool e.g. volunteers teacher support/advisor | |
| New family on settling visit | |

Our priority is keeping tamariki safe and we appreciate your support with this approach to our current Covid situation. When the traffic light system changes, we will inform you of any changes we need to make. As you will be aware the topic of Covid 19 vaccinations can be polarising for some people. Let's agree to keep those conversations outside of the preschool.

Please refer to the following 'Frequently Asked Questions' to clarify any further queries you may have.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. I am not vaccinated, am I allowed to bring my child to preschool?

If you are not vaccinated, you can still drop-off and pick-up, and the Public Health Order states that you can stay just long enough to settle your child. We will not exclude any child based on their parent/caregiver's vaccination status.

2. What does “settling” mean?

Spending a few minutes or so time to settle your child when they first arrive is defined as settling time.

If your child is a new enrolment, being introduced to nursery/preschool, it may take longer – in this case you will be required to submit your vaccination record for our register.

If you are *not vaccinated*, you can only stay with your child when dropping off or collecting, and during your stay you must wear a mask and interact only with your child. As always, our kaiako will support you and your child to make this work for you.

3. I'm not vaccinated, can I still attend events/meetings?

No. Sadly you can no longer go on excursions with us or attend preschool events/meetings.

4. I regularly like to stay for a while at preschool, do I need to be vaccinated?

Yes. If you wish to stay at longer than settling your child, or to attend events, you must have at least one vaccination by 15th November, be fully vaccinated by 1st January, 2022, and have provided us evidence of this.

5. I have a medical exemption for the Covid-19 vaccination, what does the Public Health Order mean for me?

Sorry, you will not be able to stay at preschool longer than dropping off, picking up and settling your child. As always, our kaiako will support you and your child to make this work for you.

6. I'm not vaccinated. Will I be able to stay with my child once we return to Alert Level 1?

No, this Health Order applies at any Alert Level. If you do not provide evidence of your vaccination status you will be able to pick up, drop off and settle your child if you wear a mask and interact only with your child.

7. What proof of vaccination do you need?

Just screenshot your vaccination status from MY VACCINE PASS and email it to us or print it and hand it in at the office.