

FAQs about Guiding Under the Covid Protection Framework

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How do I validate my / my girl's Vaccine Pass with you?

We are working on way for you to upload your Vaccine Pass and have it validated ahead of your first Guiding activity in Term 1, 2022. Your OGM record will then be updated with the expiry date of your Vaccine Pass, so we can remind you close to when it's expiring. More details on how to do this will be provided in January, 2022.

In addition, you may be able to validate your or your girls Vaccine Pass with the leader in your first unit meeting of the year. More information will be sent out ahead of Term 1, 2022.

What happens for girls 5 – 11 years when they become eligible for vaccination?

Currently anyone under the age of 12 years and 3 months is not required to provide a valid Vaccine Pass under the Covid Protection Framework, regardless of whether or not they have been vaccinated. If the government decides to change this, GirlGuiding NZ would be required to adapt but further communication and clarification would be provided.

What happens when a girl turns 12 years?

GirlGuiding NZ will notify you in advance that a Vaccine Pass will need to be provided by the time your girl turns 12 years and 3 months. You will need to follow the [Ministry of Health guidelines](#) to get a Vaccine Pass.

Why are you mandating vaccinations for children when schools aren't?

GirlGuiding NZ is required to meet the requirements of the Covid Protection Framework as they're outlined for sport and recreation organisations. This means we have different standards to meet than those outlined for Schools. In order to keep girls and volunteers safe while Guiding, and to ensure we are able to operate Guiding under all levels of the Covid Protection Framework, we need to operate Guiding under the Vaccine Pass guidelines outlined in the framework.

What happens for Parent Help?

Parent Help volunteers will need to provide evidence of a valid Vaccine Pass before attending a Guiding activity or event. You can do this prior to attending or the leader of the event can validate the pass before you enter the activity space.

How is drop off/pick up affected?

Parents and carers dropping off and picking up girls are counted toward people limits under the Covid Protection Framework, if they come into the venue. These limits vary based on the level of the framework the activity is held in. Therefore, guidelines may change, however the simplest way to ensure you can pick up and drop off your girl safely is to provide evidence of your Vaccine Pass. You will be able to do this in OGM in January or you can show a valid pass prior to entering the space the activity is held in.

What happens when my / a girl's vaccine pass expires?

GirlGuiding NZ will contact you to advise you your Vaccine Pass is nearing the expiry date. You will be required to provide an updated Vaccine Pass prior to attending any GirlGuiding NZ activity or event. If you do not do so, you will not be able to attend Guiding, so please update your pass with us as soon as you have an updated Vaccine Pass.

Is rapid antigen testing, weekly surveillance saliva testing or an antibody test showing immunity an option instead of a vaccine pass?

Not at this stage, as this is not provided for under the Covid Protection Framework. If the government requirements change under the framework, then GirlGuiding NZ will review our policy in relation to these alternative options.

I don't have a Vaccine Pass because I have an exemption and/or been vaccinated overseas. What should I do?

The Ministry of Health provides advice for [exemptions](#) or [validation of overseas vaccinations](#) in order to qualify for a Vaccine Pass. You'll need to follow this process in order to get a Vaccine Pass in order to participate in Guiding