

FAQS FOR GIRLS, PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS

What is the requirement for Vaccine Passes now that the Covid Protection Framework has changed?

We have reviewed the GirlGuiding NZ Covid Vaccine Policy; we can advise that from 11.59pm on 4th April the following will apply:

- My Vaccine Pass will no longer be required for face-to-face Guiding for Volunteers, Parent Help and Girls aged 12 years 3 months.
- GirlGuiding NZ Properties will also no longer require the My Vaccine Pass.

A My Vaccine Pass is not needed for general participation, but I want to attend an activity or venue that requires a pass, what do I need to do?

Some providers may still require a My Vaccine Pass. As with other requirements for activities eg height restrictions, the requirements for the My Vaccine Pass will need to be met. Showing the My Vaccine Pass at the activity/venue will be enough to meet this requirement

If you are unable to supply a valid My Vaccine Pass, you will not be able to attend the event.

All My Vaccine Passes previously loaded in OGM will still be visible to assist with management of activities and events where necessary.

What are the mask wearing requirements / guidance?

The requirements are different if it is a “gathering” or an “event” under the Covid Protection Framework.

At indoor Gatherings and indoor Events (i.e. unit or Guide Club meetings, or camps involving only one unit or Guide Club that normally meet together, up to 200 people):

At Red, GirlGuiding NZ requires anyone aged 8 and older to wear a mask while Guiding indoors. Masks are not required outdoors.

At Orange, we strongly recommend masks are worn but it is not required. At Green, masks wearing is encouraged. Government advice on mask wearing can be found [here](#).

Please be aware some people will have a valid mask exemption. They do not have to provide evidence of this, although we do suggest those with valid mask exemptions wear a pass or sticker to show other adults and girls that they have an exemption. If someone is not wearing a mask, it is acceptable to ask someone if they have an exemption. We appreciate there is a range of perspectives on masks, so please be considerate of others' feelings.

At indoor gatherings everyone (Volunteers, Parent Help and girls) must wear a mask that is attached to the face by loops around the ears or head.

At indoor Events (i.e. Discoveries, GirlPowered NZ events, camps with more than one unit attending at a time):

Volunteers, including Parent Help who are included for the purpose of indoor event ratios, and staff who are running the event must wear a medical-grade mask, such as a surgical, N-95 or KN-95 mask. Cloth masks for those running the event are not acceptable and will be in breach of the Covid Protection Framework.

Girls or Parents participating in the event who are over the age of 8 years will need to wear a mask too but can wear cloth masks if they prefer.

Anyone wearing a mask at an event can remove the mask when eating or exercising (there is no clear guidance on what is defined as 'exercise', the requirements ask people to use their judgement).

Why do you require masks for girls aged 8 and above under 'Red'?

Our intention is to keep girls and adults as safe as possible while Guiding. Masks are one tool we can use to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19, and we have aligned our requirements with government agencies including Sport NZ and the Ministry of Education.