

## Covid-19 Protection Framework Guidelines – Aquatic Facilities & Swimming

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**Disclaimer:** This document has been developed to assist the swimming community with what Swimming NZ considers the best course of action in accordance with the Covid-19 Protection Framework (CPF). The New Zealand Government and Ministry of Health directives, guidelines and information take precedence over any information provided by Swimming NZ in this document.

All Aquatic facilities need to consider their own situations and operations at any given time and an Aquatic facility's decision on whether to allow swimming needs to be based on the situation in your local area at the time. The Government has released traffic light levels which could differ from region to region, so the location of your facility could be under specific direction of the Government or local council in relation to swimming pool access.

The following information may assist with determining what swimming activity may be possible under each CPF Level, but Swimming NZ reiterates it is up to individual aquatic facilities to make their own decisions, based upon their own circumstances and applicable central and local Government directives.

### 1. Definitions:

The guidelines and operating principals are different depending on whether a facility is a public or private facility. Likewise, the operating guidelines are different depending on whether community sport is deemed an event or a gathering.

#### **Public Facilities:**

Premises that are owned or managed by central or local government, and used for recreational, social, community, or cultural activities and services, and are open to the public general (including premises where fees are charged for entry). They can be a mix of indoor or indoor and outdoor premises.

#### **Private Facilities:**

Private facilities follow the same principals as a gym, and these are defined as:

An indoor exercise facility for which access is limited to members.

#### **Gathering:**

A gathering is people who are intermingling in a group but excludes people who remain at least 2 metres away from each other, so far as reasonably practicable. It includes gatherings to undertake voluntary or not-for-profit sporting, recreational, social or cultural activities.

#### **Event:**

An event is an activity organised by a business or service that is held at commercial premises or private premises, publicly owned premises for the purpose of the activity, or an outdoor area where a group of customers and clients is accompanied or supervised by a worker providing services to that group (eg: a guided tour). Entry is controlled through ticketing, fees, registration or by any other means. It excludes any activities at a private home.

### 2. Learn to Swim Guidelines:

Each Aquatic Facility will need to assess its ability to meet Covid-19 Protection Framework measures before commencing with Learn to Swim or Squad swimming.

- Operation guidelines as outlined in the Facility Operation Guidelines
- Instructors can be in the water
- Close contact between teacher and student is allowed, physical distancing requirements do not apply
- Parent/caregiver poolside dependent on facility capacity limit.

### 3. Facility Operation Guidelines:

#### General (not specific to traffic light colour)

- No longer required to display the NZ Covid-19 Tracer QR code at the facility
- No longer required to conduct record keeping for contact tracing.
- All visitors and front of house staff must wear a face covering, optional (highly recommended) for pool deck staff and spectators on poolside
- Ensure your facility has an up-to-date and clearly displayed cleaning schedule and adequate provisions to facilitate good hygiene practices (especially changing/bathrooms)
- Ensure your facility has extensive signage and information regarding precautions for managing Covid-19
- Surfaces and equipment must be regularly cleaned and disinfected where practicable
- Ensure that all staff are properly briefed on all information regarding precautions for managing Covid-19

#### Specific to Traffic Light Colours

	Green	Orange	Red
Public Indoor Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No capacity limit</li> <li>• Attendees do not have to physically distance</li> <li>• Venue can choose to check My Vaccine Pass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No capacity limit, facility capacity based on 1m<sup>2</sup> per person</li> <li>• Attendees do not have to physically distance</li> <li>• Venue can choose to check My Vaccine Pass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No maximum capacity limit, except facility capacity based on 1m<sup>2</sup> per person</li> <li>• Attendees do not have to physically distance</li> <li>• Venue can choose to check My Vaccine Pass</li> </ul>
Private Indoor Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No capacity limit</li> <li>• Attendees do not have to physically distance</li> <li>• Venue no longer is required to check My Vaccine Passes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No capacity limit</li> <li>• Attendees do not have to physically distance</li> <li>• Venue no longer is required to check My Vaccine Passes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 200 people maximum capacity, facility capacity based on 1m<sup>2</sup> per person</li> <li>• Capacity limit does not include workers of the indoor facility</li> <li>• Attendees do not have to physically distance</li> <li>• Venue no longer is required to check My Vaccine Passes</li> </ul>
Outdoor Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No capacity limits</li> <li>• Attendees do not have to physically distance</li> <li>• My Vaccine Passes are no longer required to be checked</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No capacity limits</li> <li>• Attendees do not have to physically distance</li> <li>• My Vaccine Passes are no longer required to be checked</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No capacity limits</li> <li>• Attendees do not have to physically distance</li> <li>• My Vaccine Passes are no longer required to be checked</li> </ul>

**\*Please note:** facility capacity calculated as 1m<sup>2</sup> per person (usable space excluding pool tank). Just for clarity, physical distancing is not required

Eg: 20m x 10m = 200m<sup>2</sup> and 200 people permitted in the facility capacity

#### 4. Swimming Events

Swimming competitions are deemed as an “event” under the Covid-19 Protection Framework because entry is controlled through registration and ticketing.

##### Hosting Swimming Events under Specific Traffic Light Colours

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<b>Indoor Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No capacity limit, facility capacity based on 1m<sup>2</sup> per person</li> <li>• Attendees do not have to physically distance</li> <li>• No requirement for scanning into event/venue with QR codes, My Vaccine Passes or mandatory record keeping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No capacity limit, facility capacity based on 1m<sup>2</sup> per person</li> <li>• Facility capacity does not include workers (staff and officials)</li> <li>• Attendees do not have to physically distance</li> <li>• No requirement for scanning into event/venue with QR codes, My Vaccine Passes or mandatory record keeping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 200 people capacity, facility capacity based on 1m<sup>2</sup> per person</li> <li>• Groups of 200 people within an event must remain the same for the duration (ie: no inter-mingling of groups)</li> <li>• Capacity does not include workers (staff and officials)</li> <li>• Attendees do not have to physically distance</li> <li>• No requirement for scanning into event/venue with QR codes, My Vaccine Passes or mandatory record keeping</li> </ul>
<b>Outdoor Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No capacity limits</li> <li>• Face masks are no longer required at outdoor settings</li> <li>• Attendees do not have to physical distance</li> <li>• No requirement for scanning into event/venue with QR codes, My Vaccine Passes or mandatory record keeping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No capacity limits</li> <li>• Face masks are no longer required at outdoor settings</li> <li>• Attendees do not have to physical distance</li> <li>• No requirement for scanning into event/venue with QR codes, My Vaccine Passes or mandatory record keeping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No capacity limits</li> <li>• Face masks are no longer required at outdoor settings</li> <li>• Attendees do not have to physical distance</li> <li>• No requirement for scanning into event/venue with QR codes, My Vaccine Passes or mandatory record keeping</li> </ul>

**\*Please note that My Vaccine Passes are no longer be required from 11.59pm on Monday 4 April.**

##### Other Important Information for Swimming Events:

- From 11.59pm on Monday 4 April, My Vaccine Passes are no longer required to be checked.
- If you are still checking My Vaccine Passes, please remember that children under 12 years and 3 months, or students representing their school, cannot be asked to provide a My Vaccine Pass.
- Physical distancing is only referenced to calculate how many people can be hosted within an enclosed space – 1m<sup>2</sup>. This does not mean individuals must remain physically distanced during an event (ie: swimmers can sit next to each other, officials and timekeepers can sit next to each other)
- When in red, If you are planning to host an event with multiple groups of 200 then these groups must remain the same for the entire duration of the event, including for multi-day events. This has been redefined in the Sport NZ guidelines to help ensure events are still a safe way of bringing people together.
- Individuals can cross regional boundaries if they have a My Vaccine Pass to attend an event. The individual should abide by the relevant settings in the region the event is being held in (ie: no longer required to take the home region settings with you)
- Mask requirements have been updated from 11.59pm on 3 February 2022. Alternative face coverings such as bandannas, scarves and t-shirts are no longer permitted to be used instead of a face mask.