



Kia ora koutou

Yesterday the Prime Minister confirmed the details of the transition to the new COVID-19 Protection Framework (the 'traffic light' system), which takes effect at 11.59pm this Thursday, 2 December. As expected, Auckland will move to the Red Level, along with Northland and other regions in the North Island. These settings will be reviewed by Cabinet on Monday 13 December and again on Monday 17 January.

Interim Red Level Plan

The University's interim Red Level Plan has been updated in response to additional Government requirements, and details of the settings for campus at Red Level are available [here](#). As previously mentioned, this is an interim plan for December and will be revised when our vaccination policy comes into effect on 4 January 2022. One significant change of note is that anyone entering University campuses in Red Level settings is now required to wear a face covering when indoors in line with TEC/Ministry of Education guidance. The [webpage](#) also outlines the requirements for vaccination status in Red Level, which also changed last week with the introduction of new legislation. All other arrangements remain the same, with staff encouraged to work from home in December, and minimal access to campus.

The University's Vaccination Declaration Portal, which is our online system for verifying vaccination information by uploading the [My Vaccine Pass](#), has now been completed. It is currently being tested among staff and students who will be on campus for Summer School and Q1. Once that testing has been undertaken, we will launch the portal more widely to staff and students, well in advance of the vaccination policy taking effect on 4 January 2022. In the meantime, if you haven't already done so, I encourage you to get your *My Vaccine Pass* as it will be needed for access to a wide range of activities under the COVID-19 Protection Framework. More information and instructions on how to apply are [available on the Government's website](#).

Noho ora mai
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