

What are the implications for choirs of the new COVID-19 Protection Framework, or 'traffic light' system?

On **3 December 2021**, the Government's new 3-level 'traffic light' [COVID-19 Protection Framework](#) will come into effect. This new system does not rely on lockdowns as the main measure to stop the virus spreading.

Green

This is when there are some COVID-19 cases in the community, but community transmission is limited and COVID-19 hospitalisations are at a manageable level.

- Record keeping and scanning will be required
- Face coverings are encouraged indoors, but are not mandatory

Vaccine passports

- If vaccine passports are mandated for rehearsals and concerts, there will be no limits on gatherings.
- If vaccine passports are **not** mandated for rehearsals and events, there will be **a limit of 100 people**, indoors and outdoors, based on 1m physical distancing

Orange

This is when there is increasing community transmission putting pressure on our health system.

- Record keeping and scanning will be required
- Face coverings will be mandatory in public venues, and encouraged elsewhere

Vaccine passports

- If vaccine passports are mandated for rehearsals and concerts, there will be no limits on gatherings.
- If vaccine passports are **not** mandated for rehearsals or gatherings, there will be **a limit of 50 people**, indoors and outdoors, based on 1m physical distancing. Larger events will not be able to go ahead.

Red

This is when action is needed to protect both at-risk people and protect our health system from an unsustainable number of hospitalisations.

- Record keeping and scanning will be required
- Face coverings will be mandatory whenever leaving the house

Vaccine passports

- If vaccine passports are mandated for rehearsals and concerts, there will **a limit of 100 people**, indoors and outdoors, based on 1m physical distancing.
- If vaccine passports are **not** mandated, there will be **a limit of 10 people** allowed at gatherings.