

# Recommendations on working in children and youth ministry in the Traffic Light System

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Before reading this document, please refer to [guidance](#) from the Council of Assembly.

We have been asked to provide some recommendations on ministry to children and youth in the Traffic Light System.

The recommendations we offer here are made with the information currently available to us. These recommendations will need to be reviewed and updated regularly if further information regarding the Traffic Light System is issued from the government. These recommendations are made considering any ministry done under the auspices of a local church.

Your parish leadership has the final decision over all aspects of ministry and each parish has been asked to create their own policy around what ministry can happen and to who and by who under the Traffic Light System. Any suggestions or recommendations we make need to be approved by your parish leadership.

## **Vaccination passports:**

To run an event or gathering that requires vaccination passports you must ensure that all participants 12 and over have a vaccination passport. Legally no one is obligated to show you their vaccination passport, but you are legally obligated to deny entry to anyone who doesn't.

## **Face Coverings:**

At all ministry events, no matter the traffic light setting, the government encourages face coverings.

## **Number Restrictions:**

Government guidance states that staff aren't included in number limits. It isn't immediately clear that volunteer leaders would be seen as staff. We hope the government will clarify this.

## **Red**

### **Ministry in church buildings or other spaces**

- Formal ministry to children and young people can only take place if you are confident, you can maintain 1m distancing between individuals or households. If you are unable to do so we suggest you stick to online activities, etc.
- With vaccine certificates required for anyone 12 and over you can gather up to 100 people as long as you maintain 1m distancing.
- With vaccine certificates **not** required you can only gather up to 25 people.

### **Ministry in the home**

- With vaccine certificates required for anyone 12 and over you can gather up to 100 people with no physical distancing.
- With vaccine certificates **not** required you can only gather up to 25 people with no physical distancing.

## Orange

### Ministry in church buildings or other spaces

- With Vaccination certificates for anyone participating 12 and over:  
Ministry to children and young people can take place with no physical distancing and no restriction on numbers.
- With vaccine certificates **not** required:  
Ministry to children and young people can only take place if you are confident you can maintain 1m distancing between individuals or households. If you are unable to do so we suggest you stick to online activities etc.
- With vaccine certificates **not** required you can gather up to 50 people.

### Ministry in the home

- With vaccine certificates required for anyone 12 and over you can gather up to 100 people with no physical distancing.
- With vaccine certificates **not** required you can only gather up to 50 people with no physical distancing.

## Green

### Ministry in church buildings or other spaces

- With Vaccination certificates for anyone participating 12 and over:  
Ministry to children and young people can take place with no physical distancing and no restriction on numbers.
- With vaccine certificates **not** required:  
Ministry to children and young people can only take place if you are confident you can maintain 1m distancing between individuals or households. If you are unable to do so we suggest you stick to online activities etc.
- With vaccine certificates **not** required you can gather up to 100 people.

### Ministry in the home

- With vaccine certificates required for anyone 12 and over you can gather unlimited people with no physical distancing.
- With vaccine certificates **not** required you can only gather up to 100 people with no physical distancing.

## Ministry in the Covid Protection Framework

FACE COVERINGS ARE ENCOURAGED	MINISTRY IN THE HOME		MINISTRY IN CHURCH BUILDINGS/OTHER SPACES	
	1M PHYSICAL DISTANCING	NUMBER LIMITS	1M PHYSICAL DISTANCING	NUMBER LIMITS
	<b>RED</b>			
VACCINATION CERT REQUIRED	N	100	Y	100
VACCINATION CERT NOT REQ	N	25	Y	25
<b>ORANGE</b>				
VACCINATION CERT REQUIRED	N	100	N	UNLIMITED
VACCINATION CERT NOT REQ	N	50	Y	50
<b>GREEN</b>				
VACCINATION CERT REQUIRED	N	UNLIMITED	N	UNLIMITED
VACCINATION CERT NOT REQ	N	100	Y	100

We trust this is of some help to you.

Our prayers are with you as you navigate these times as a church family.

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