



# **Most COVID-19 rules have ended but still, need to manage the spread of the virus**

1. From 11:59 pm on 12 September 2022, the COVID-19 Protection Framework(the ‘traffic lights’) will be removed.
2. Only people who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate for 7 days.  
Household contacts are recommended to take a RAT test every day for 5 days.  
If negative they can go about their daily routine.
3. Masks will not be required anywhere, except when visiting certain healthcare facilities like hospitals, GPs, pharmacies and aged care residential facilities.
4. Some places like workplaces or marae may ask people to wear a mask.
5. All remaining Government vaccine mandates will now end. The last workforce with a Government vaccine mandate is health and disability workers.  
This will end at 11:59 pm, 26 September 2022.  
Some employers may still require workers to be vaccinated due to their responsibilities under health and safety legislation.
6. Vaccination and testing requirements for all travellers arriving in New Zealand will also end, including aircrew, from 11:59 pm, 12 September.  
People arriving in New Zealand from overseas will continue to receive free RATs at the airport and will be encouraged to test on days 1 and 5/6.
7. Anti-viral medicines will be available for free to any New Zealander 65 and over who tests positive for COVID-19. For Māori and Pacific peoples, these medicines will be available for free to anyone aged 50 and over.  
In addition, anyone with three high-risk conditions is eligible for free anti-viral medicines.
8. 40,000 additional courses of anti-viral medicines have been purchased by the Government, and they are expected to enter New Zealand in the coming weeks.

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