

GBNZ COVID-19 Framework

Frequently Asked Questions

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Vaccine Passes

- Q1. Has Girls Brigade New Zealand mandated its leaders to be vaccinated?
GBNZ have not mandated vaccinations at this time. It is up to each group to decide with their Church if they will be operating with or without vaccine passes, and ensuring adequate safety measures are put in place.
- Q2. If we have unvaccinated leaders and children, do we need to put that in our letter, or just leave that as meeting under without vaccine passes?
You are not required to notify if you have unvaccinated people and are not permitted to do so as it is a breach of their privacy.

If this is your case then you would just let your families know that you are running without vaccine passes and that your limit is 25 people.
- Q3. Regarding award's nights with parents invited - are we required to verify all vaccine passes for parents attending?
If you are running with vaccine passes then these need to be verified for all persons attending over the age of 12 years 3 months and this will include award nights.

If you are running without vaccine passes then you would need to keep the number attending under 200 at the current orange traffic light setting.
- Q4. If you don't use vaccine passes does the leader count in the number or are they extra?
Leaders, and volunteers who are functioning as leaders do not count in your number.

Gatherings & Events

- Q5. Would a sleep over in your normal space be considered an event?
A sleep over or camp would be considered as an event.
- Q6. Our Church has defined our type of meeting an event not a gathering – how is that aligned with GBNZ stating we are a gathering?
Even though GBNZ has defined our meetings as gatherings if you have been given other directions from your church then you need to follow that when you are planning and completing your risk assessment. Please outline this on your documents when submitting so we are aware of this.

Equipment

- Q7. One of our leaders is concerned about the environmental impact with PPE and three changes each time with cleaning. Can they use non disposable aprons that are cleaned?

You could use a vinyl apron but you would need to ensure that it is not fabric backed as this cannot be wiped between sessions. You would also need to ensure it is cleaned well and each individual person has their own apron, not a shared one.

Our recommendation would be using disposable aprons as it minimises the risk further.

- Q8. Where can we purchase PPE Aprons from?

Office Max has available not only disposable aprons but also masks, gloves, sanitiser and other items required for PPE and cleaning.

You can also get aprons from Southern Hospitality.

Pricing will vary so do look around.

Activities

- Q9. What food can we use if we are providing food?

Pre-packaged food such as muesli bars, small packs of biscuits or chips would be the best options.

It is a requirement that one leader hands out the items and wears gloves and a mask while doing this task.

For drinks the recommendation would be for everyone to bring a named drink bottle.

- Q10. What would the list of cleaning tasks be?

We have uploaded a cleaning list to the website with the COVID-19 information.

COVID-19 Risk Assessment

- Q11. Can we edit the risk assessment form for the control measures?

The risk assessment form is completely editable and you are encouraged to alter the control measures to fit with your Company/ Unit.

You are asked to add and take away parts that do not work for your Company/ Unit and also add anything that you have identified. The more information that you add for your group the easier it is for the RMO to sign off your form.

General

- Q12. Please clarify shared - is that at the same time or that week?
There has now been a definition for exclusive use and defined spaces added into the GBNZ Framework.
- A shared space is when others are using the same venue at the same time as you. This might be when a group is in the lounge of the Church and you are in the hall. It is best if you are the sole user of the space. However if there is a group using the venue at the same time as you please talk to us and we will work through how this might work.
- Q13. What is the password for the Girls Brigade Website?
Please contact the GBNZ Support Centre or ask in the [Girls' Brigade New Zealand Resource Sharing](#) group on Facebook.
- Q14. The GBNZ Framework guidance is stricter than the Government requirements around isolation – which do we follow?
Government requirements are continually updating. GBNZ is doing its best to review and update the framework on a regular basis. If in doubt, please follow Government guidance and contact us for further information.
- Q15. How can we get our Covid-Ready Risk Assessment and Group Action Log approved quickly by GBNZ?
- Interact with the documents as much as possible.
 - Not all hazards and control measures will be applicable to your situation. Read through them all and work out what control measures are applicable.
 - Highlight and/or use a different colour font – so the RMO can quickly work out your changes.
 - Insert your thought process/ reasoning and questions to GBNZ in the document.
 - Attach any supporting documentation i.e. your local Church guidance, your communication letter to parents, your activity plan for the term/year.