



Policy

COVID-19 Protection Framework - Red

Gallery access and exhibition roster

1 MAI COVID-19 Protection Framework Red Setting - introduction

The MAI gallery is both a workplace and a place open to visitors. We want to ensure our members, volunteers, artists and visitors are safe when on the gallery roster, attending an opening, viewing an exhibition or enjoying learning opportunities.

MAI has a responsibility under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 to ensure the safety of those who enter the gallery and workspace. In addition, the government has put in place rules for organisations operating under the COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF).

We have updated and revised our policies relating to access to the gallery and workspace after further close consideration of the CPF. The MAI committee has used the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment guidelines for events and gatherings <https://www.business.govt.nz/covid-19/covid-19-protection-framework/events/> and the Ministry of Health guidelines <https://covid19.govt.nz/traffic-lights/life-at-red/gatherings-and-visits-at-red/public-and-private-gatherings-at-red/> in developing this policy.

2 Requirements

The gallery is a community space and MAI has a responsibility to meet requirements under Health and Safety legislation as well as COVID guidelines. MAI could be held responsible for any breaches of the COVID Protection Framework and therefore liable for any penalties.

As the exhibitor, you take on that responsibility. Repeated breaches of the COVID policy may result in the exhibition being closed and if a breach is reported you will need to meet any infringement fees which could be up to \$4,000.

As the exhibiting artist, you have responsibility to ensure you, the people on the gallery roster and visitors to the exhibition comply with MAI policy.

Everyone on the gallery roster (including the exhibiting artist) and visiting the gallery is required to:

- show their vaccine pass
- wear a mask
- scan using the COVID
- maintain social distancing.

Sighting the vaccination pass is fine. If you have downloaded the vaccine pass app, you can scan the pass. If a person doesn't have a pass, they can't be on the roster or come in to the gallery.

If you are exempt from wearing a mask please wear or display an 'exempt' badge clearly so visitors can see it.

People may also have a vaccination exemption - but exemptions are rare. They are only issued by the Ministry of Health so it should look 'official' and the Ministry of Health's branding should be evident. No health providers including GPs, osteopaths and naturopaths are authorised to issue vaccine exemptions.

You must ensure there are no more than 10 people in the gallery or the workspace at any time. The limit is based on people maintaining 1 metre distancing within the space. This is less than the 25-person limit due to the floor area of the gallery and workspace.

If practical, open the external door in the second gallery to improve air circulation.

You should encourage visitors to use the hand sanitizer. Sanitizer and spare masks are available at the gallery.

3 Review

We will review these requirements on 18 January 2022 following the government update on the COVID Protection Framework.