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1.1 INTRODUCTION

Thank you to all our community basketball leaders who are continuing to manage your organisations and providing safe participation opportunities as we continue to navigate the challenges presented by COVID-19.

New Zealand is currently at RED settings on the COVID Protection Framework.

If you have questions relating to COVID-19 your best resource remains the excellent resources and guidance available on the Sport New Zealand and COVID.govt.nz websites:

- [The COVID-19 Protection Framework](#) (traffic lights) summary provides an excellent summary of the CPF
- [How Sport will operate under the CPF](#) is an excellent summary of how to apply each level of the CPF to sport
- On the [Sport New Zealand website](#) you can also view and download the full set of traffic Light level guides
- General guidance for businesses: business.govt.nz
- Guidance for workplaces that have a case of COVID-19: health.govt.nz
- Guidance for all of New Zealand: covid19.govt.nz

In today's update you will find details on:

- School Sport changes
- Self-isolation changes
- Facemask changes
- Border re-opening
- Responses to Questions submitted

Sport New Zealand also have an extensive Q & A section that you can check [here](#). If you cannot find the information or answers you are looking for you can email:

Sport New Zealand - covid19response@sportnz.org.nz

Basketball New Zealand general support – community@nz.basketball

Basketball New Zealand delivery support – tournaments@nz.basketball

We will endeavour to source answers to all questions submitted by **5pm each Wednesday** in this weekly update that will be circulated on Friday afternoons.

Nga mihi,

Brad Edwards
GM Community Basketball

1.2 WEEKLY Q & A'S

School Sport changes - Is this secondary school sport changes? Or intermediate school sport changes? As some year 8's would be 12.3 years of age. Be good to know where this sits under this mandate? – Anthony, Waikato

Response – The change applies to all students who are enrolled at a registered school. When representing their registered school the changes apply (intermediate or secondary). It also applies to all school organised teams even if they are playing in a competition with other teams that are not school based.

Student Referees and Volunteers – Do the new rules apply to students under 18 who are referees officiating in school competitions? – Nick, Hawkes Bay

Response – Students who are coaching or refereeing (or have any other support / volunteer role) are classed as workers and continue to require to be vaccinated and show a My Vaccine Pass if the external venue or facility requires.

1.3 WEEKLY UPDATES

The following updates were circulated on release from **Sport New Zealand (update, 4.40pm Friday 11 March)**. We have provided additional updates where applicable

School sport changes

Changes to school sport come into force through the COVID-19 Public Health Response Amendment Order from 11.59pm Saturday 12 March 2022.

All children and young people, regardless of their vaccination status, can participate in school-organised teams and groups, or as an individual representing the school in a competition or event. This applies whether on or off the school site, and to registered schools only.

School organised teams, groups and individuals are to be treated as if they are vaccinated and cannot be required to show a My Vaccine Pass. This means the capacity limits for vaccinated students are applied when sport takes place out of school hours, or off school grounds.

Supporting staff, including coaches, managers, teachers and parent volunteers continue to be required to be vaccinated. This includes student coaches both when they coach teams from their own school, and those from other schools. They will still be required to show a My Vaccine Pass if the external venue or facility requires.

Sport NZ has updated their School Sport guidance which can be found [here](#).

The Ministry of Education will provide an update through their bulletin and DIA will provide guidance for Local Authorities.

Other organisations will also need to update their policies and websites as a result of this change.

Please refer to our FAQs in the first instance or if you have further queries then contact us at Covid covid19response@sportnz.org.nz.

COVID-19 Protection Framework (Sport New Zealand update, 4.40pm Friday 11 March)

From 13 March you will no longer need to wear facemasks at outdoors Gatherings. You still need to wear them at indoors Gatherings (unless you have exclusive use of the defined space and venue) and at Events (both indoors and outdoors) as it is harder to trace who you may have interacted with.

As previously indicated by the Prime Minister and the Minister for COVID-19 Response all settings within the COVID-19 Protection Framework are under continuous review, including the use of vaccine passes. All of our guidance is regularly updated. Included in the latest version are the new requirements for face coverings. [See full guidance here.](#)

Self-isolation rule changes and RAT tests (Sport New Zealand update, 4.40pm Friday 11 March)

From 11.59pm on Friday 11 March people who have tested positive for COVID-19 and household contacts will only need to self-isolate for 7 days. Household contacts must test on day 3 and 7 of their isolation or if they develop symptoms. If they return a positive result, then they need to self-isolate for 7 days from the day of receiving the positive result.

You may also be interested in the following updates:

- Information on how to use a RAT test properly is available [here](#).
- You are now also able to report both positive and negative test results on [My Covid Record](#), and it is important that when there are multiple people in a household you all report your results.
- It will also soon be possible to report a RAT result on behalf of someone else (family members and children under 12 years and 3 months). Self-reporting your test results continues to help provide an accurate picture of the pandemic's progress.
- RAT tests can be ordered online on [Request a COVID-19 testing kit](#). These can be picked up from a collection site. If you are unwell, self-isolating or a household contact, you can arrange for someone else to pick up your RAT tests.

Border re-opening

All fully vaccinated New Zealanders are now able to return to New Zealand and do not need to self-isolate or enter MIQ on arrival. Arrivals to New Zealand still need to complete a pre-departure test and provide evidence of a negative result at the airport.

On arrival in New Zealand, you will be given a welcome pack which includes RAT tests. These need to be taken on day 0/1 and 5/6 of your arrival. Positive RAT test results must be followed up by a PCR test. Find out what you will need to do upon arrival in New Zealand [here](#).

Latest update – 16 March

- From 11:59pm 12 April 2022, fully vaccinated Australian citizens and permanent residents can enter New Zealand without self-isolation or entering managed isolation and quarantine.
- From 11:59pm 1 May 2022, fully vaccinated visitors from visa waiver countries, and visitors from other countries who already hold a valid visitor visa can enter New Zealand without entering self-isolation or managed isolation and quarantine.
- Keep up to date with the current border opening time frames [here](#).



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