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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.

From 11.59pm tonight, Friday 25 March, New Zealand moves to new and simplified RED settings on the updated COVID Protection Framework.

To summarise the key changes announced are:

At 11:59pm Friday 25 March:

- We will remain at Red
- The new Red settings will come into effect - outdoor capacity limits will be removed and indoor limits increased to 200 (for people who have a My Vaccine Pass)
- Record keeping will finish

On Monday 4 April:

- My Vaccine Pass will no longer be a government requirement (11:59pm)
- Workforce vaccination mandate for the teaching workforce will end, as will mandates for those at My Vaccine Pass venues (11:59pm)
- Cabinet will decide whether all or parts of the country can move to Orange

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:

- [Sport New Zealand](#) are currently working to update specific guidelines to reflect the changes announced by the Government on 23 March. Updated guidance will be available prior to the changes coming into force from 11.59pm Friday 25 March.
- 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:

- **Changes to the COVID-19 Protection Framework**
- **Changes to vaccine mandates and My Vaccine Pass**
- **Responses to Questions submitted**
- **Useful resources and links to further information**

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

There were no questions submitted this week.

Sport New Zealand are continuing to update extensive Q & A that you can check [here](#).

1.3 WEEKLY UPDATES

The following updates were circulated on release from Sport New Zealand (update, 3.44pm Wednesday 23 March). We have provided additional updates where available.

Please continue to check the [Sport New Zealand](#) website for updates and specific guidelines to reflect the changes announced.

Changes to the COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF) and vaccine mandates

From 11.59pm Friday 25 March, a new and highly simplified traffic light setting will be introduced. The key changes are as follows.

Red

- Indoor capacity limits for gatherings and events with My Vaccine Pass will increase to 200 – this includes gyms, food and drink businesses and other indoor settings where sport and recreation takes place.
- There will be no limits for outdoor activities with My Vaccine Pass – such as gatherings, events, and food/drink retailers.
- Face masks are no longer required at outdoor settings.
- There is no requirement to scan in or for a business to display a QR code poster or have mandatory record keeping.

Orange

- There will be no capacity limits for indoor and outdoor gatherings and events, but face masks are still required in many indoor settings.

- There is no requirement to scan in or for a business to display a QR code poster or have mandatory record keeping.

Green

- There are no requirements, but good health habits should still be maintained to help look after those who are more vulnerable to COVID-19.
- *Sport New Zealand advice is that it is unlikely we will see a move to Green until after winter.*

My Vaccine Pass

From 11.59pm Monday 4 April, My Vaccine Passes will no longer be required. This is due to the high vaccination rate and levels of acquired immunity.

- Until 4 April, where My Vaccine Passes are not used, the current restrictions remain — but after this time, the new capacity limits will apply to everyone.
- After 4 April, businesses will still be able to use the system if they would like to.

This change also applies to all student and adult workers and volunteers involved in school sport (volunteers, coaches, officials).

At all levels, the testing and isolation requirements remain as they are now. If you have symptoms or someone in your household tests positive, isolate and get tested.

1.4 USEFUL RESOURCES

We have collated a range of additional resources and websites for further information below.

[Vaccination Requirements in Workplaces: the vaccination assessment tool](#)
(business.govt.nz and worksafe.govt.nz)

Sport and recreation workplaces are not covered by the updated government mandate for COVID-19 vaccinations. Workplaces can choose to do a risk assessment to see if you can require work to be carried out by vaccinated workers, on health and safety grounds.

To do this, your business can either:

- do a health and safety risk assessment using a method you consider fit-for-purpose for your business (including following existing industry guidance), or
- use the vaccination assessment tool.

The vaccination assessment tool has been made through regulations under the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020. This tool provides a clear, legal framework to help businesses make decisions about vaccinations in the workplace. It is optional for businesses to use the tool.

It's up to you to decide what tool you use – businesses have sole discretion to make this decision. Specific business guidance will be live on business.govt.nz shortly.

[Updated guidelines for use of face masks \(covid19.govt.nz\)](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)

From 11:59pm Friday, 25 March 2022 at Red and Orange, you do not need to wear a face mask outdoors. Other face mask rules for Red and Orange remain unchanged.

As a general rule, you should wear a face mask whenever you are indoors. The exceptions are at your home or your place of work if it is not public facing.

[Quick Guide to Traffic Light Changes - Social Media tile \(sportnz.org.nz\)](https://www.sportnz.org.nz)

This is a handy PDF tile to share on social media to help inform your community of the changes to the traffic lights effective from 11.59pm tonight (Friday 25 March).

[Returning to physical activity and exercise after COVID-19 \(healthnavigator.org.nz\)](https://www.healthnavigator.org.nz)

Spending time in hospital or being ill at home with COVID-19 can cause your muscles to become weaker. Exercise is important for regaining your muscle strength and endurance. BUT this needs to be safely managed alongside your other COVID-19 symptoms.

On the Health Navigator website, you can find the following information:

- What happens when I exercise after I have been unwell?
- How do I get back to exercise?
- What sort of strengthening exercises could I do?

[Basketball New Zealand – Return To Play Guidelines \(nz.basketball\)](https://www.nz.basketball)

This resource on the BBNZ website is designed to support a safe return to training and competition to assist administrators, coaches and players.

We will look to update this resource as required.

[Netball Smart Return To Play Resources \(netballsmart.co.nz\)](https://www.netballsmart.co.nz)

This is a link to another useful guide developed by Netball Smart focused on performance athletes. There are also a range of resources and guides to support player recovery available on netballsmart.co.nz

[Sport New Zealand Sector Forum – Thursday 24 March](#)

Yesterday Sport NZ hosted a COVID-19 Update Forum for sport and recreation partners. The presentation shared is attached with this update and via the link above.

