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## **OFFICIAL MEMO (26<sup>th</sup> October 2021)**

### **NZRCA STATEMENT: COVID-19 (Update)**

Following the government announcement on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October regarding COVID-19 Alert Level 3 for the Auckland and Waikato (partial only) Regions and Alert Level 2 for the remainder of New Zealand - specifically regarding gatherings and numbers allowed, we have sought official advice from Sport NZ and the Ministry of Health.

As of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021, the official number of people at gatherings or events is limited to 10 people for the Auckland and Waikato (partial only) regions under Alert Level 3. The remainder of New Zealand is restricted to gatherings or events of less than 100 people under Alert Level 2.

Ultimately this means that NZRCA clubs within the Auckland, Northland and Waikato regions are advised to postpone or cancel any intended meetings while under Alert Level 3. The next government review for this is as follows:

- Auckland – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021
- Waikato – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Clubs outside the level 3 regions are still able to hold club race meetings provided they meet the other requirements of COVID-19 Alert Level 2:

We would advise clubs and members to be very mindful that once again, this is a fast changing environment and there is a high chance the Alert Level 3 period is extended or expanded beyond the current boundaries.

If your club is intending on running a meeting, please remember the following guidelines.

- COVID-19 is still out there. Play it safe.
- Keep your distance from other people in public.
- If you're sick, stay home. Don't socialise.
- If you have symptoms of cold or flu, call your doctor or Healthline and get tested.
- Sneeze and cough into your elbow, regularly disinfect surfaces.
- If you have been told to self-isolate, you must do so immediately.
- Keep a track of where you've been and who you've seen.
- Keep groups of people 1 metre apart.
- Keep contact-tracing records of anyone who will have close interaction – this is mandatory for clubs to complete.
- Reduce the number of shared surfaces, and regularly disinfect them.
- Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.

Any and all club racing is subject to your venue owner approving the venue use for your event (e.g. an indoor venue may have their own rules that override the NZRCA stance on this, and their rules must be adhered to first and foremost).

NOTE: It is a mandatory requirement for all NZRCA member clubs to endeavour to use the online registration to enable the NZRCA to provide contact-tracing records when and where required by the government. For public, pen and paper may be used but we ask that you then enter this information at a later date into a digital format and forward this to [matthew@buildmaster.co.nz](mailto:matthew@buildmaster.co.nz) (NZRCA HSE Officer & President)

Lastly, if you are unsure of anything, please visit [www. https://covid19.govt.nz/](https://covid19.govt.nz/) for full information.

If you have any issues with the above, please contact one of the following:

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Kind regards

**2021/2022 NZRCA Executive**

**Stay Safe Everyone**