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### NZTR transition to COVID Protection Framework

The government's COVID Protection Framework comes into force from midnight on Thursday, 2 December where the entire country will move into the "Traffic Light System". Venues which require the My Vaccine Pass will be able to operate without restrictions on numbers under Green and Orange, and with slight restrictions under Red.

NZTR recently consulted with clubs regarding the need for vaccination certificates at their events. Clubs have clearly indicated to NZTR that once the new framework is in place it is their intention to hold race meetings and trials as events requiring vaccination certificates from those who attend.

NZTR supports this approach as it will not only ensure the safety of all those working and attending our events, but also provides more certainty for clubs and our participants.

As the framework currently stands events can be held under all three levels. However, those events requiring vaccination certificates have no limits on numbers of attendees in Green and Orange, and restrictions at Red. There will still be some restrictions though, and we ask those attending race meetings to be mindful of these.

They include, but are not restricted to:

- Clubs will limit entry points to the course to allow security staff to check all those entering have their 'My Vaccine Pass';
- Under 'Red' there are restrictions to no more than 100 patrons in each defined area of the grandstands or racecourse and mask wearing indoors is required (when not seating and eating/drinking); and
- People are also asked not to attend or run the risk of being turned away if they have cold or flu symptoms.

The full list of NZTR protocols can be found [here](#).

A template Health and Safety Operating Plan for hospitality at the RED level will be provided by NZTR this week, in advance of the first race meetings under RED (the first being Auckland TR at Pukekohe on 15 December).

### **Transitional Arrangement for workers at race meetings:**

A transitional arrangements applies to clubs' staff, contractors, officials and NZTR Licenced Trainers and Stablehands, and to Jockeys but with some additional detail. This does not apply to owners, sponsors, members or raceday patrons.

Until Monday, 17 January those workers who can prove they have had their first vaccine dose by Friday, 3 December will be allowed to continue working at race and trial meetings. After 17 January, all workers will need to be fully vaccinated to continue to gain admission to race and trial meetings.

Clubs with upcoming race meetings are encouraged to contact their racing officials and essential contractors to confirm that their vaccination status allows them to gain admission to and work at the race meeting.

NZTR will provide a further updates to the protocols should government provide additional detail or amendments to the COVID Protection Framework.



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