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Tēnā koutou

Venues Wellington vaccination requirements

As New Zealand moves to the Covid-19 Protection Framework, we would like to advise you that Venues Wellington will be operating a Vaccine Pass requirement when the Framework comes into effect on December 3, when the new COVID-19 Protection Framework or “traffic light system” is introduced to manage Covid-19 in the community.

Under the Covid-19 Protection Framework businesses, events, organisations, and a range of sectors can choose to implement the Vaccine Pass requirement for customers, – if this is in place it will enable them to continue to operate at all levels (with restrictions as required), instead of likely needing to close under orange and red levels. To operate our venues at their full capacity, we need to implement this requirement.

Operating with these Covid-19 vaccination requirements is an effective way for us to mitigate risks in terms of health and safety, the disruption to our business and disruption to your events. Therefore, we have made the decision to implement this Covid-19 vaccination requirement across all our Venues Wellington sites and for all events held in the venues we manage.

Everyone who enters our venues, including our staff, service delivery partners, contractors, clients, and event attendees must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and provide proof of vaccination status by presenting the Covid-19 vaccination pass.

The Covid-19 Protection Framework is due to take effect from December 3, 2021. From this date Venues Wellington will be operating under the Framework, as outlined below:

- All Venues Wellington staff (permanent and casual) across all roles are to be double vaccinated and maintain their vaccination status in line with Government advice. We will hold a record of their vaccination status on file.
- All staff (permanent and casual) of our service partners (suppliers, contractors, sub-contractors) who access Venues Wellington managed venues must be fully vaccinated – confirmed through their own operating policies and validated by the Covid-19 vaccination pass.
- All hirers, their staff (permanent and casual), production crew, event crew, talent (performers, artists, athletes, speakers) suppliers, contractors, sub-contractors who access Venues Wellington managed venues must be fully vaccinated, validated by the Covid-19 vaccination pass.
- All event attendees (patrons, delegates) aged 12 and over, no matter the type of event or size, who access Venues Wellington managed venues must be fully vaccinated and validated by the Covid-19 vaccination pass.

In addition:

- All other elements of Government's Covid-19 Protection Framework will apply
- All visitors and attendees must use Government's NZ Covid Tracer app or the manual sign-in process
- All visitors and attendees will either be required or will be encouraged to wear face coverings in line with the Covid-19 Protection Framework, and preferences of our hirers
- All visitors and attendees must adhere to the other venue Conditions of Entry requirements

We are working through the finer operational detail and will continue to update our policy and operations as further information and guidance comes from Government. We will continue to keep you updated as things progress and will of course work closely with you to ensure that we together can safely deliver events in Wellington.

We look forward to working with you all to deliver events in our venues and great experiences for all event attendees. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Nāku noa, nā



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