

EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NZ ADVICE DURING COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 2 – WELLINGTON REGION ONLY

The Wellington region (this includes the Kapiti Coast and Otaki) will move to level 2 from 6pm, Wednesday 23 June until 11.59pm Sunday 27 June 2021.

The rest of the country remains at alert level 1.

Alert Level 2	Range of Government Measures (can be applied locally or nationally)	Equestrian Sports NZ Measures Undertaken	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for Area Groups/Clubs	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for National Equestrian Centres (Christchurch & Taupo)	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for ESNZ Members and Equestrian Community
<p>Reduce</p> <p>The disease is contained, but the risk of community transmission remains.</p> <p>Risk Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited community transmission could be occurring. Active clusters in more than one region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People can connect with friends and family, and socialise in groups of up to 100, go shopping, or travel domestically, if following public health guidance. Keep physical distancing of 2 metres from people you do not know when out in public or in retail stores. Keep 1 metre physical distancing in controlled environments like workplaces, where practicable. People 7 years old and older may consider wearing a face covering when physical distancing cannot be maintained. Face coverings required on public transport. No more than 100 people at gatherings, including weddings, birthdays and funerals and tangihanga. There are extra restrictions for Auckland. Businesses can open to the public if following public health guidance including physical distancing and record keeping. Alternative ways of working encouraged where possible. Hospitality businesses must keep groups of customers separated, seated, and served by a single person. Maximum of 100 people at a time. All businesses must display an NZ COVID Tracer QR code for each business location. Sport and recreation activities are allowed, subject to conditions on gatherings, record keeping, and physical distancing where practical. Public venues such as museums, libraries and pools can open if they comply with public health measures and ensure 1 metre physical distancing and record keeping. Event facilities, including cinemas, stadiums, concert venues and casinos can have more than 100 people at a time, provided that there are no more than 100 in a defined space, and the groups do not mix. It is safe to send your children to schools, early learning services and tertiary education. There will be appropriate measures in place. People at higher-risk of severe illness from COVID-19 such as those with underlying medical conditions, especially if not well-controlled, and seniors are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home. They may work, if they agree with their employer that they can do so safely. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ESNZ office is open with appropriate measures in place for Staff. All ESNZ High Performance, Performance or Squad trainings are allowed to take place if conditions on gatherings are met. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> limited a maximum of 100 people (either indoors or outdoors). This includes support staff, squad riders, and coaches. Physical distancing and contact tracing requirements are met. Equestrian competitions/rides are allowed to take place if conditions on gatherings are met. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gatherings, where people cannot physically distance, must be limited to a maximum of 100 people (either indoors or outdoors). This includes all riders, officials, grooms and spectators. Multiple gatherings can take place at the same event or facility, as long as they can be kept separated. Phasing of activities could be used to allow time for people to pass through communal areas safely. For smaller venues a reduced capacity may be more appropriate to maintain physical distancing. Must have a register of who was there and maintain physical distancing where possible. Meetings, workshops or events are allowed to take place but must be limited to a maximum of 100 people (either indoors or outdoors). However, multiple gatherings can take place at the same event or facility, as long as they can be kept separated. Physical distancing and contact tracing requirements must be met. Limited domestic travel or staying in hotels (outside of local area) for ESNZ staff and athletes. No international travel for ESNZ Staff and athletes. Officials may choose to officiate, however should not feel under any obligation to do so. Those officials at high risk of severe illness (those with existing medical conditions and older officials) are encouraged to stay at home. 	<p>Area groups/clubs allowed to offer competitions/rides subject to the range of public health measures outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gatherings, where people cannot physically distance, must be limited to a maximum of 100 people (either indoors or outdoors). This includes all riders, officials, grooms and spectators. Multiple gatherings can take place at the same event or facility, as long as they can be kept separated. Phasing of activities could be used to allow time for people to pass through communal areas safely. For smaller venues a reduced capacity may be more appropriate to maintain physical distancing. Record the contact information and time of all people accessing the facility or grounds. Surfaces and equipment must be regularly cleaned and disinfected where practicable. Good personal hygiene practices should continue – wash and dry your hands before and after activities, cough into elbow and don't touch your face. Ensure your facility has extensive signage and information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19. Ensure your facility has an up to date cleaning schedule and adequate provisions to facilitate good hygiene practices. Especially changing/bathrooms and stable facilities where practical. Physical distancing of 2 metres should be maintained wherever possible, especially from people that you don't know. Officials/Volunteers at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (particularly older people and those with existing medical conditions) should take additional precautions when undertaking physical activity. Do not put undue stress on Officials/Volunteers to assist with your competition/ride if they don't feel comfortable. They may choose to officiate. Ensure that Staff/Officials/Volunteers have access to PPE (hand sanitizer (compulsory), masks (recommended) and gloves (optional)). Ensure that Staff, Officials and Volunteers are properly briefed on all information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19. Overnight camping is allowed for Equestrian Competitions/rides as long as conditions on gatherings, contact tracing requirements and physical distancing are met. Food vendors allowed if physical distancing and contact tracing requirements can be met. Area Group/Club/OC meetings are allowed to take place but must be limited to a maximum of 100 people, 10 people in Auckland (either indoors or outdoors). Physical distancing and contact tracing requirements must be met. The key message is to follow public health guidelines on physical distancing and personal hygiene. If you are having club events, consider limiting numbers to ensure physical distancing can take place, take extra care on cleaning surfaces and when preparing food to minimise risks. Now is not the time to have a large club prizegiving or event, think about keeping things simple. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Equestrian Centres are open with appropriate measures in place for visiting customers. Gatherings, where people cannot physically distance, must be limited to a maximum of 100 people (either indoors or outdoors). This includes all riders, officials, grooms and spectators. Multiple gatherings can take place at the same event or facility, as long as they can be kept separated. Phasing of activities could be used to allow time for people to pass through communal areas safely. Record the contact information and time of all people accessing the facility or grounds. Overnight camping is allowed as long conditions on gatherings, contact tracing requirements and physical distancing are met. There will not NO overnight camping for one day shows – you will need to arrive and leave on same day. Officials may choose to officiate, however should not feel under any obligation to do so. Those officials at high risk of severe illness (those with existing medical conditions and older officials) are encouraged to stay at home. Ensure that Staff/Officials/Volunteers have access to PPE (hand sanitizer (compulsory), masks (recommended) and gloves (optional)). Ensure NEC has extensive signage and information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19. Ensure NEC has an up to date cleaning schedule and adequate provisions to facilitate good hygiene practices. Especially changing/bathrooms and stable facilities where practical. POP campers will be allowed to stay onsite under level 2 restrictions as long as limited to a maximum of 100 people. However, Multiple gatherings can take place at the same event or facility, as long as they can be kept separated. Physical distancing and contact tracing requirements must be met. Food vendors allowed if physical distancing and contact tracing can be met. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participating in equestrian sport activities is allowed, if conditions on gatherings are met, physical distancing is followed, and you follow good personal health measures while travelling. If you are unwell or have COVID-19 symptoms you must stay home and be tested for Covid 19. All Riding Schools and Equestrian Centres are open with appropriate measures in place. Indoor and outdoor facilities will need to limit entry (100 people per gathering). However, multiple gatherings can take place at the same event or facility, as long as they can be kept separated. For smaller riding schools and Equestrian Centres a lower maximum number may be necessary to maintain physical distancing. If your horse is grazing outside of your property, remember to maintain good personal hygiene practices such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash hands before and after. Physical distancing of 2 metres should be maintained wherever possible, especially from people that you don't know. Use own grooming kit, tack and equipment. Set up/maintain a roster or facebook group for grazing. Comply with all rules set out by the landowner. Veterinary clinics can operate, as long as public health measures are followed, however, do not take your animal to a veterinary clinic until you have contacted your veterinarian. Farriers can operate, as long as public health measures are followed. Horse-riding lessons can take place as long as public health measures are followed. Any group lessons are restricted to a maximum of 100 people (both indoor and outdoor facilities). Coaches and trainers will need a Covid worksafe plan. Horse care services/professionals (including clippers, saddle fitters, dentistry, chiropractors etc) - can operate, as long as public health measures are followed.