



EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NEW ZEALAND

EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NZ ADVICE DURING COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 3 – AUCKLAND ONLY

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

Auckland is moving to Alert Level 3. Auckland region will move to Alert Level 3 at 11.59 pm on Sunday 14 February 2021. The Auckland region is everything in the Auckland Council boundary — from Wellsford in the north to Pukekohe in the south. It will remain at Alert Level 3, initially for a period of three days until midnight on Wednesday 17 February 2021.

Please note that Equestrian Sports New Zealand (ESNZ) is not an expert on pandemics and as such all [New Zealand Government](#) and [Ministry of Health](#) information, guidelines and directives supersede this information. This document has been put together by Equestrian Sports NZ, with the purpose of informing our equestrian community how we are responding to Covid-19, and to provide recommendations for what we believe is the best course of action for all equestrian area groups/clubs, facilities, officials and members.

This document will change frequently, and we will make sure the most up to date is dated and on the website. We will monitor the government Alert Levels as we move back down to 3, 2 and 1, and if there is more flexibility for activities such as equestrian, we will be sure to update these recommendations in line with government advice.

All equestrian area groups/clubs need to consider their own situations at any given time. An area group/club's decision on whether to allow training or competition needs to be based on the situation in your local area at the time. The Government has released [Alert Levels](#) which can differ by region at any one time, so the location of your area group/club could be under specific direction of the Government.

OTHER USEFUL LINKS AND RESOURCES

- [Government Alert System](#)
- [MPI Alert System and information for animal welfare](#)
- [Sport New Zealand Alert System](#)
- [High Performance Sport NZ Alert System](#)
- [ESNZ Covid19 Updates](#)
- [Covid19 posters and social media images](#)
- Online Entry Providers
 - [Equestrian Entries](#)
 - [Main-Events](#)
- [Level 2 Toolkit](#)

All of these links can also be found on the ESNZ website under our Covid19 updates page.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IF YOU ARE IN AUCKLAND?

If you are in Auckland, this is what you should do while we minimise the risk of transmission.

- **Work** – Under Alert Level 3, you are encouraged to work from home if you can.
- **Travel and self-isolation** – If you are currently in Auckland and do not live in Auckland, we suggest that you go home. Practise good hygiene and be conscious of your health. If you have symptoms, get a test. We recommend that you keep your bubble small.
- **Businesses** – Businesses are able to open, but should not physically interact with customers. Essential services including healthcare, justice services and businesses providing necessities are able to open. Bars and restaurants should close, but takeaways are allowed.
- **Education** – Schools in Auckland can safely open but will have limited capacity. Where possible we encourage students to learn from home.
- **When you're out and about** – Maintain physical distancing of two metres outside your home, including on public transport. It is highly recommended that you wear a mask if you are out and about. Public transport can continue to operate with strict health and safety requirements. You should maintain physical distancing and wearing a mask. Public venues should close. This includes libraries, museums, cinemas, food courts, gyms, pools, playgrounds and markets.
- **Gatherings** – Gatherings of up to 10 people can continue, but only for wedding services, funerals and tangihanga. Physical distancing and public health measures should be maintained.
- **At-risk people** – People at high risk of severe illness such as older people and those with existing medical conditions are encouraged to stay at home where possible, and take additional precautions when leaving home.
- Further detail - [Detailed information about life at Alert Level 3](#)



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UNTIL AT LEAST 17th FEBRUARY 2021 - WILL BE REVIEWED ON 17th FEBRUARY 2021

Alert Level 3	Range of Government Measures <i>(can be applied locally or nationally)</i>	Equestrian Sports NZ Measures Undertaken	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for Area Groups/Clubs	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for National Equestrian Centres <i>(Christchurch & Taupo)</i>	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for ESNZ Members and Equestrian Community
<p>Level 3 - Restrict</p> <p>High risk the disease is not contained</p> <p>Risk Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community transmission might be happening. New clusters may emerge but can be controlled through testing and contact tracing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People instructed to stay home in their bubble other than for essential personal movement – including to go to work, school if they have to or for local recreation. Physical distancing of two metres outside home (including on public transport), or one metre in controlled environments like schools and workplaces. People must stay within their immediate household bubble, but can expand this to reconnect with close family / whānau, or bring in caregivers, or support isolated people. This extended bubble should remain exclusive. Schools (years 1 to 10) and Early Childhood Education centres can safely open, but will have limited capacity. Children should learn at home if possible. People must work from home unless that is not possible. Businesses can open premises, but cannot physically interact with customers and must practice physical distancing. Low risk local recreation activities are allowed. Public venues are closed (e.g. libraries, museums, cinemas, food courts, gyms, pools, playgrounds, markets). Gatherings of up to 10 people are allowed but only for wedding services, funerals and tangihanga. Physical distancing and public health measures must be maintained. Healthcare services use virtual, non-contact consultations where possible. Inter-regional travel is highly limited (e.g. for essential workers, with limited exemptions for others). People at high risk of severe illness (older people and those with existing medical conditions) are encouraged to stay at home where possible, and take additional precautions when leaving home. They may choose to work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ESNZ office is open and operating under Level 2 requirements due to being in Wellington. No ESNZ High Performance, Performance or Squad training is taking place in Auckland. Auckland Squad members to take part remotely if possible. ESNZ High Performance or Squad training is able to go ahead elsewhere in NZ if conditions on gatherings and social distancing are met. No equestrian competitions/rides are taking place in Auckland (either cancelled or postponed) Meetings, workshops or events are not taking place in Auckland (unless an online option can be held) No international or domestic travel or staying in any hotels (outside of local area) for ESNZ staff and athletes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No equestrian competitions are taking place in Auckland. All area group/club facilities and centres closed in Auckland. Area group/clubs Meetings are not taking place in Auckland (unless an online option can be held). All staff or volunteers should work from home. Grounds staff can undertake grounds work at the venue if maintaining social distancing requirements and hygiene requirements. No working bees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both National Equestrian Centres remain open and operating under Level 2 requirements due to location outside of Auckland. Will not be accepting any entries from Auckland residents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horse riding (away from private land) is a recreational activity and allowed under Alert Level 3. The key messages are, keep it low risk, remain within your current abilities and don't pick up new activities or discipline. Travel and Transport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel should be restricted to permitted movement in your local area, for example going to work or school, shopping, or getting exercise. Travel to your nearest park or beach, not your favourite one. And if you don't usually take your horse to the beach now is not the time to expose yourself or your horse to any risk. You should not travel to another region for recreation or work unless you're an essential worker travelling for work. You should not take a flight to another region unless you're an essential worker, travelling to do essential work. Public transport can continue to operate with strict health and safety requirements. You should maintain physical distancing and wear a mask. It is important that you ride in a local area, which you can do safely, and which does not involve interacting with other people from outside your bubble, or equipment touched by other people. Now is not the time to take up new activities, or expose yourself to any risk that would put pressure on emergency services in case of an accident. The key messages are to use your common sense, stay local and stay safe. Group activities with anyone outside your bubble are not allowed. Travel to care for your horse/s, is allowed. However, all necessary health measures will need to be followed such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash hands before and after. Physical distancing of two metres. Use own grooming kit, tack and equipment. Set up a roster or facebook group if there are others who access the same grazing. Limit visits to what is essential. Only ride within that property with the landowner's permission. If you are unwell or have Covid Symptoms you must stay home or get tested. No equestrian competitions are taking place in Auckland. Farriers can operate, as long as public health measures are followed. Coaches and trainers are permitted travel to provide horse riding lessons under Alert Level 3, as long as relevant infection control measures are applied, such as physical distancing, and the service is provided in the same, or a nearby, region. Riding schools cannot have clients on site. Clients are not permitted to travel to a school or coach. Coaches and trainers will need a Covid worksafe plan to be able to operate under L3. https://worksafe.govt.nz/managing-health-and-safety/novel-coronavirus-covid/ Horse care services/paraprofessionals (including clippers, saddle fitters, dentistry, chiropractors etc) - Animal and horse care service businesses can operate at Alert Level 3, but only if they can meet safe practice requirements and can operate without physical contact with (human) customers. Ensure any requirements for veterinary care and oversight are met.