



NEW ZEALAND ALPINE CLUB

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 - This protocol will require revision in the instance that significant change is implemented by the New Zealand Government

Protocol: COVID-19 Infection control

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NZAC Accommodation Management

Guidance for Accommodation Managers and Hut Wardens

Introduction

The New Zealand Alpine Club (NZAC) is committed to mitigating the impact of Covid-19 on it's people - members, member volunteers, staff and contractors.

This Covid-19 Accommodation Management Procedure is for the purpose of supporting the NZAC in it's management of Covid-19 infection control and the health and safety risk Covid-19 poses in our accommodation management.

The procedure and its implementation is led by the [Department of Conservation Vaccine policy for DOC visitor facilities](#) and the practical management of reasonable Covid-19 infection control measures.

It is accepted that NZAC-owned facilities present specific and individualised challenges to the management of Covid-19 infection control. The Club follows the advice of the New Zealand Government and is dedicated to undertaking all practicable measures to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 on it's people.

This protocol applies to all NZAC employees, contractors, volunteer members, subscribed members and NZMGA Guides using NZAC accommodation facilities.

Under the Government Covid-19 Protection Framework NZAC can continue to operate its accommodation facilities at each of the Red, Orange and Green levels.

Vaccination

The NZAC believes that vaccination is the strongest protection against Covid-19. We strongly encourage our people to be vaccinated.

NZAC Accommodation usage under the COVID Protection Framework (Traffic Light system) and the [Department of Conservation Vaccine policy for DOC visitor facilities](#)

The Club operates a number of huts and lodges throughout New Zealand. The Government has provided guidance on the operation of shared accommodation under the Red, Orange and Green levels of the Protection Framework. The NZAC can operate its accommodation facilities at Red, Orange and Green levels. Guidance to lodge managers and hut wardens is described below:

Red	Red will be used if there's a need to protect both at-risk people and our health system from an unsustainable number of hospitalisations.
	Accommodation services with shared sleeping facilities may open.
	Face coverings will be mandatory in public facilities, on public transport and recommended whenever leaving the house.
	From 15 December 2021, eligible people aged 12 years three months and over must be fully vaccinated to use NZAC accommodation.
Orange	Orange will be used when there's increasing community transmission of COVID-19.

	Accommodation services with shared sleeping facilities may open.
	Face coverings will be mandatory on public transport, public facilities, and encouraged elsewhere.
	From 15 December 2021, eligible people aged 12 years three months and over must be fully vaccinated to use NZAC accommodation.
Green	Green will be used when there are some COVID-19 cases in the community.
	Accommodation services with shared sleeping facilities may open.
	Face coverings will be encouraged
	From 15 December 2021, eligible people aged 12 years three months and over must be fully vaccinated to use NZAC accommodation.

COVID-19 management measures at NZAC accommodation facilities

- NZ COVID-19 tracer QR code posters must be displayed at the entrance of the facility.
- Guests must use the NZ COVID-19 tracer QR code before entering the facility or register their contact details in the facility visitor book.
- The number of people using the facility cannot exceed the number of beds available in the facility.
- NZMGA Guides and related companies using NZAC accommodation facilities for commercial activities must ensure their guests are fully vaccinated and can provide proof of vaccination.
- Staff at Unwin Lodge may request to see proof of vaccination of guests using Unwin Lodge facilities. Volunteer Wardens at Homer Hut may request proof of vaccination of guests using Homer Hut facilities.
- As far as reasonably practicable, guests should maintain a 1m distance from each other.
- As far as reasonably practicable, guests should refrain from moving from one sleeping room to another.
- Face masks are mandatory for use inside the facility at level Red and Orange and encouraged at level Green.
- It is expected that guests will maintain effective personal hygiene.
- Lodge managers and hut wardens will ensure all public areas are maintained to an effective hygiene standard.
- It is expected that guests will be respectful of other facility users.

- Guests will not leave unattended food items in public spaces that are not packed into sealed containers.
- Guests will clean surfaces, utensils, and cooking equipment after cooking facilities are used.
- Guests will maintain their personal equipment and belongings to ensure it does not encroach on other guests.

Associated information

- [Department of Conservation Vaccine policy for DOC visitor facilities](#)
- [Media release DOC 02 December 2021](#)

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