

# COVID 19 – TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM

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## CONSIDERATIONS

- Under old alert level system we have been closed at levels 3 & 4. Able to operate under restrictions at level 2.
- Have various areas of the business to consider:
  - Events/tournaments
  - Court Hire (groups and individuals)
  - Schools (either going into schools or running programs for school age children)
- Naturally we need to consider all participants to keep the hall open as much as we can, and keep as many events going ahead with minimal disruptions

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### THIS DOCUMENT AND INFORMATION:

The information from the NZ government has been slow to come, and it appears the situations are changing rapidly. Accordingly, we will be revising this document regularly, so it is recommended that you check back to our website for the most current version (Version and date below title of document).

The information contained in here is an overview, and for any clubs or groups relying on it they should read in conjunction with the detailed Sport NZ advice found at <https://sportnz.org.nz/covid-19-response/covid-19-protection-framework/>

At the time of releasing this, there are still some questions. Anything in **blue** is still under query/development.

## TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Reference taken from the Sport NZ website on 27<sup>th</sup> November, reading their summary table plus the detail of each level, and the FAQ's. <https://sportnz.org.nz/covid-19-response/covid-19-protection-framework/>

We have a choice to require vaccine passes or not (called My Vaccine Pass or MVP), with that choice having consequences.

### Yes, MVP is required

- Can operate under all levels
  - Green no restrictions, Orange and Red some restrictions

### No Passes

- Closed under Orange and Red
- Green has restrictions in place

There is some talk around having groups in that permit unvaccinated, then a different group that is vaccinated. This is not practical in our situation, as it requires facility to be suitably ventilated and cleaned between groups.

Accordingly, to maximise playing potential for everyone, and minimize disruptions to our business it would be a sensible decision to mandate vaccine passes (MVP) for all players. (We may lose some players given approximately 10% of the Christchurch population is unvaccinated). But how to manage this?

## CONSIDERATIONS

- If we mandate participants require MVP, we also need to require spectators, workers, volunteers and contractors who visit have MVP
  - Need to consider team managers or those accompanying teams
- Liaison will be required with 3<sup>rd</sup> party venues – the guidelines state event organisers should liaise with facility managers (Zhu Badminton, YMCA and there may be others)
- MVP must be scanned by the verifier app. This app does not store info on the user's phone.
- We have visitors from the education sector here, some of them are asking us for verification that our facility requires MVP.
- Pay2Play has made some changes in their program, where people can upload their MVP, we verify it, and they are confirmed as being vaccinated. This doesn't stop anyone bringing a friend in who doesn't have MVP, and we are not monitored at the door 24/7.
- Friendly Manager are incorporating an area for MVP to their database, it should be released this week.
- Events/Tournaments are relatively easy to monitor, court hire isn't.
- Rules for upstairs are covered under "Hospitality"

# Green

- Open
- No limits on gatherings or events
- Masks not required

# Orange

- Open
- No limits on gatherings or events
- Masks recommended while off court

# Red

- Open
- Gatherings and events limited to 100 people and 1m social distancing
- Masks recommended while off court

## PROPOSAL

Put a system in place to require and monitor. *We will need to confirm these are kept current.*

- Any contractors to the site are verified (AlSCO, coke, fire servicing etc)
- Pay2Play:
  - All players who hold an account on P2P are suspended, pending verification of their MVP
  - Account users will need to confirm that anyone coming in under their booking has a current MVP.
  - Anytime there are staff here we should request verification be sighted for anyone other than the P2P booking account holder (spot check)
- Groups using our hall (eg Green Prescription, Clubs etc)
  - Request confirmation from group leader that all players have MVP, and that they will verify any new players that come along. [This will be added to our court hire terms.](#)
  - [Do we need to keep or sight this list?](#)
- Friendly Manager (FM):
  - Request upload of MVP to FM for verification.
  - Any event people enter through FM will need to be verified
- All other events where players aren't on FM:
  - We will need to request copy of MVP for verification
- Staff
  - We will need to verify all staff are vaccinated and ensure this is on any future advertisements.
  - If any unvaccinated staff are identified, then we will work through this with the person, and depends on their role, work from home ability etc.

We will require signage on the hall to state that MVP are required to enter the facility.

Most of our events still fall under “Gatherings” – i.e. not relying heavily on audience and non ticketed spectators or a very small number of spectators. Gatherings has a “best endeavour” check people’s status, but if people lie we can only pick that up on spot checks.

### Gatherings

- Checking of MVP is required as best as reasonably practical in all settings

### Events

- Indoor sporting events that check MVP:
  - Orange no participant or spectator limits
  - Red up to 100 people with at least 1m per person

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#### CHALLENGES:

1. Teams and players may be verified – how do we stop fill ins? Suggest League teams agree that any player used must be registered to BC (this is free, not referring to affiliation but registered as a player on FM)
2. Should we get an increase in cleaning (David currently here 4-5 times a week, at various hours) at Red or Orange? Or a surface sanitise at Red done regularly?
3. Communication to players and enforcement. Saturday today, every single group that has come in has needed to be told to wear masks in and out of the hall.

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#### EXEMPTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

Everyone over the age of 12 entering the hall will need a MVP to be scanned and verified, or an official Government exemption.

Letters from doctors, or overseas vaccinations are not acceptable. If people require an exemption, or have been vaccinated overseas, they need to apply through the governments official channels to still obtain the MVP. It’s not up to us to use discretion on this.

There are now large fines in place if we do allow unvaccinated people to enter when we are operating as a vaccinated facility.

## DRAFT EMAIL TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

Kia ora,

Badminton Canterbury is busy planning for a busy 2022, with some great new events at all levels and high-profile national events anticipated to be played here in Christchurch!

The government has announced that on December 3, the country will move into its COVID-19 Protection Framework or the traffic light system. Under this system only businesses and organisations who welcome vaccinated visitors can operate as freely as possible.

Badminton Canterbury has undertaken a full review of the new system and determined that it is important for us to maximise playing time for as many people as possible and minimize any disruption to our events and court hire, in addition to keeping everyone as safe as possible.

Accordingly, from December 3<sup>rd</sup>, anyone who enters our hall at 220 Pages Road, or enters a Badminton Canterbury Event, will be required to:

1. Be double vaccinated (if aged over 12) and have their government “My Vaccine Pass” (MVP) verified by Badminton Canterbury either prior to, or on arrival to our hall/event (more information on this below)
2. Sign in on arrival and sanitise hands
3. Comply with any additional public health measures that may be in place (including social distancing) and follow signage and directions of staff
4. Facemasks are encouraged and recommended at all times you aren't playing.

**By requiring verification of MVP and following some restrictions, Badminton Canterbury can operate our events and court hire at Green, Orange and Red.** If you are affected by the governments framework and can no longer use anything you have pre-paid to us, please get in touch with our office and we will discuss a refund with you.

We are required to scan your MVP to ensure it's authenticity. The scan does not store any information, it only verifies it. In January we will have a new (database) system for all our players that will allow a players MVP status to be recorded so we do not have to scan on every visit. Currently, those with a Pay2Play account will be able to have their status recorded in this system. *NOTE Pay2Play Users:* there will be a more detailed email coming to you about managing your MVP.

To help keep everyone safe, this also means our staff, contractors and other visitors to our site (for example maintenance people) are also vaccinated. A special point to note, particularly for anyone in our vulnerable community: we verify that all users who have an account or hire a court here hold a MVP. We have also requested the person making the booking verifies all their group holds an MVP, and we will spot check these. However, we don't have staff on site 24/7 to monitor everyone coming and going from the facility. If anyone permits an unvaccinated person to enter under their booking, we will suspend their account immediately.

A full copy of our policy document can be found on our website, please note this may be updated as information supplied to us from Badminton NZ or Sport NZ is updated.

We're all looking forward to the exciting new season next year! See you on court soon!

The team at Badminton Canterbury