

## Event Risk Assessment Recommendation

### UCI MTB XCO/XCC WORLD CUP, Nove Mesto na Morave

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Event Details	
Event Name	UCI MTB XCO/XCC WORLD CUP, Nove Mesto na Morave
Date of Event	13 May - 15 May 2022
Location of Event including Country	Nove Mesto Na Morave, Czech Republic
Event website	<a href="https://www.mtbnmnm.com/">https://www.mtbnmnm.com/</a>
Organiser	Bike Events s.r.o, Co-organiser: Singletrail <a href="https://www.mtbnmnm.com/contacts">https://www.mtbnmnm.com/contacts</a>
Sanctioning body	UCI
GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION	
Current NZ government travel recommendations	<p><a href="http://www.safetravel.govt.nz">www.safetravel.govt.nz</a></p> <p>This is the first time the safe travel website has been updated in the last 2 years. New advice is as follows:</p> <p><b>9/3/2022</b></p> <p>This COVID-19 travel advice applies to all international travel, in all destinations. If you are planning international travel at this time, please read this advice alongside our destination specific travel advisories.</p> <p>In line with step two of the Government's 5-step plan to re-open New Zealand's borders, at 11:59pm on Friday 4th of March 2022, we removed the SafeTravel global 'Do not travel' advisory and returned to issuing destination-specific travel advisories.</p> <p>While our borders have reopened for fully vaccinated New Zealand citizens, it is important to remember that international travel is different now. Travel has become more complicated and there are additional things you need to think about when planning your trip overseas.</p> <p>Although many countries now have increasingly high vaccination numbers, any country could continue to experience a sudden outbreak of COVID-19. This may include the emergence of new variants of concern, which may lead to the sudden imposition of strict travel restrictions or health measures that could impact upon your travel plans, and your travel insurance. If you're heading overseas, it's important you think about the risks of contracting COVID-19 in</p>

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	<p>your destination. This may mean that you have to remain overseas for longer than you had planned, which may have financial implications for you. We recommend that all New Zealand travellers make contingency plans in case disruptions mean you need to support yourself overseas for longer than you planned.</p> <p>All travellers also need to be aware of the requirements for returning to New Zealand. You can read more about that on the Unite Against COVID-19 website <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>We advise that New Zealanders overseas follow local health advice and use basic hygiene measures to minimise the risk of exposure. The Ministry of Health provides useful information about protecting yourself and others from COVID-19</p> <p><b>Specific Travel Advice for Czech Republic</b>  <a href="https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/czech-republic">https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/czech-republic</a></p> <p>The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade is not issuing a specific travel advisory for the Czech Republic at this time.</p> <p>New Zealanders travelling or living in Czech Republic should have comprehensive medical and travel insurance policies in place that include provision for medical evacuation by air.</p>
<b>Current host country government travel recommendations</b>	<p><a href="https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/coronavirus-information-of-moi.aspx">https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/coronavirus-information-of-moi.aspx</a></p> <p><b>Entry into the territory of the Czech Republic</b>  As of 9th April 2022, the protective measures regarding the conditions of entry into the Czech Republic in relation to the epidemic of covid-19 have been suspended. Entry into the Czech Republic is no longer subject to any special epidemiological conditions to prevent the spread of the disease. The entry-ban for foreigners from third-countries and the obligation to prove infection-free status have been lifted.</p> <p><b>Special note for Australian and New Zealand Passport Holders</b></p> <p>Holders of valid Australian or New Zealand passports can enter the Schengen area (including the Czech Republic) and stay there for up to 90 days within every 180 days without a visa, excluding those travelling for gainful purposes. This 90 days period applies to the whole Schengen area and the 180 days period is counted from the date of the first entry to the Schengen area. Holders of Australian and New Zealand Emergency passports, Convention Travel documents and Certificate of Identity documents do need visa to enter the country.</p>

	<p><b>Important Notes</b></p> <p>Australian and New Zealand Passport Holders travelling to the Czech Republic may be asked to produce the following documents by the immigration officers at the border crossing:</p> <p>passport valid for at least 3 months after the last day of your stay evidence of sufficient financial funds (cash, credit cards etc.) travel health insurance policy that covers medical expenses related to injury or illness in the Czech Republic including expenses connected with transportation of the foreigner to the country of which they are a passport holder or to a country in which they have permanent residence. Minimum insurance cover must be of 30,000.- EUR. The policy must be valid for the duration of their stay in the Czech Republic evidence of accommodation arrangements for the duration of their stay in the Czech Republic or evidence of sufficient financial funds for accommodation evidence of sufficient funds to cover the travel expenses (e.g. return ticket to their country of residence, financial funds to buy such a ticket).</p>
<b>Current requirements to enter country</b>	<p><a href="https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/coronavirus-information-of-moi.aspx">https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/coronavirus-information-of-moi.aspx</a></p> <p>As of 9th April 2022, the protective measures regarding the conditions of entry into the Czech Republic in relation to the epidemic of covid-19 have been suspended. Entry into the Czech Republic is no longer subject to any special epidemiological conditions to prevent the spread of the disease. The entry-ban for foreigners from third-countries and the obligation to prove infection-free status have been lifted.</p> <p>All consulates have resumed full visa services as of April 9. Restrictions on visa issuance and travel stemming from the Protective Measure of the Ministry of Health have been lifted. It is now possible to apply for visas and travel to CZE as before the pandemics.</p>
<b>Current requirements to return to NZ</b>	<p>The following people can enter New Zealand now from <b>anywhere in the world</b> and self-test on arrival.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccinated and unvaccinated New Zealand citizens</li> <li>• Vaccinated New Zealand residents</li> <li>• Vaccinated travellers with a border exception</li> <li>• Vaccinated travellers on a working holiday scheme</li> <li>• Other vaccinated eligible travellers under current border settings</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://covid19.govt.nz/international-travel/travel-to-new-zealand/when-new-zealand-borders-open/#who-can-enter-new-zealand-now">https://covid19.govt.nz/international-travel/travel-to-new-zealand/when-new-zealand-borders-open/#who-can-enter-new-zealand-now</a></p>

<b>Does travelling to the event include any likely stop overs that present any risk?</b>	Depending on airline, but there are restricted airlines available. This would need to be checked when booking flights as it depends on which country you are entering and there may be a requirement for testing.
<b>Travel and health insurance requirements</b>	Take out comprehensive medical insurance, including cover for hospitalisation and medical evacuation. Make sure it covers your personal circumstances, both for pre-existing conditions and the activities you plan to undertake.
<b>Any Terrorism, Social and Political Situation that present any risk at the location of the event</b>	No considerable threats - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade is not issuing a specific travel advisory for the Czech Republic at this time.  <a href="https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/czech-republic">https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/czech-republic</a>
<b>COVID-19 Information at Event and Destination</b>	
<b>A summary of the current Covid-19 environment and government response strategy.</b>	<p>Czechia has experienced a peak in November 2021 and again in January 2022 however their death rate has remained relatively low.</p> <p>They are currently experiencing 4,735-6000 cases per day.</p> <p><a href="https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/#countries">https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/#countries</a></p> <p><a href="https://covid.gov.cz/en/">https://covid.gov.cz/en/</a></p> <p><a href="https://covid.gov.cz/en/situations/foreigners/possibilities-and-obligations-foreigners-when-entering-cz">https://covid.gov.cz/en/situations/foreigners/possibilities-and-obligations-foreigners-when-entering-cz</a></p> <p><b>O-N-(T) system: Vaccination - Past disease - (Test)</b> - last updated on Saturday, February 19, 2022 (15:00)</p> <p>As of February 10, 00:00, the restrictions for visiting restaurants and other services cease to apply. Proving the O-N-(T) system will no longer be required.</p> <p>Exceptions may apply for visiting healthcare, social, and other similar facilities.</p>
<b>MIQ requirements at destination</b>	<p><a href="https://covid.gov.cz/en/situations/foreigners/foreigners-living-cz">https://covid.gov.cz/en/situations/foreigners/foreigners-living-cz</a></p> <p>From 9.4.2022 it is possible to enter the Czech Republic as before the pandemic covid-19.</p>
<b>Contract Tracing requirements</b>	<p><a href="https://covid.gov.cz/en/situations/foreigners/possibilities-and-obligations-foreigners-when-entering-cz">https://covid.gov.cz/en/situations/foreigners/possibilities-and-obligations-foreigners-when-entering-cz</a></p> <p><b>O-N-(T) system: Vaccination - Past disease - (Test)</b> - last updated on Saturday, February 19, 2022 (15:00)</p>

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<b>Public gathering/Event restrictions and stay-at-home requirements at the destination</b>	<p><a href="https://covid.gov.cz/en/situations/face-masks-and-respirators/outdoors">https://covid.gov.cz/en/situations/face-masks-and-respirators/outdoors</a></p> <p>Nose and mouth protection is not required outdoors.</p> <p>We still strongly recommend wearing a respirator or at least a surgical mask wherever it is not possible to keep a distance of at least 1.5 meter from other people, such as public transport stops, markets, etc. This will protect not only you, but also people around you.</p>
<b>Internal movement restrictions at destination and transit locations. Public transport etc</b>	<p><b>Public and intercity transport</b> - <a href="https://covid.gov.cz/en/situations/face-masks-and-respirators/public-transport-taxi">https://covid.gov.cz/en/situations/face-masks-and-respirators/public-transport-taxi</a></p> <p>Obligation to cover your mouth and nose – with a respirator or other protective device without an exhalation valve with a filtration efficiency of at least 94% (class FFP2 / KN 95) applies to all means of public transport including cable cars if their cabins are closed, you do not have to have your mouth and nose covered at bus/tram stops and train platforms, but we strongly recommend that you do. In waiting rooms inside buildings, it is necessary to have your mouth covered with a respirator or surgical mask if it is not possible to keep a distance of at least 1.5 meter from other people.</p> <p>This obligation also applies to taxis.</p> <p>Within the obligation of wearing a respirator there is an exemption for children who have not yet started compulsory schooling, persons with intellectual disabilities and severe mental disorders, if they cannot wear a mask due to their condition and persons who cannot have them for health reasons - but this must be proved by a confirmation from a doctor and this confirmation must also state what respiratory protective equipment this person may wear or that he/she cannot wear any respiratory protection.</p> <p>You also do not need to wear a respirator during the time required to eat or drink. However, if possible, consume food and drink only after getting out of the vehicle. This will protect yourself and others.</p> <p>Children under the age of 15 can use a surgical mask as protection, but we recommend they use a respirator as well.</p>

	<p>The exemption also includes any public transport drivers who do not get directly in contact with other people, e.g. they operate in a separate compartment.</p> <p><b>Accommodation</b> - <a href="https://covid.gov.cz/en/situations/shops-and-services/accommodation">https://covid.gov.cz/en/situations/shops-and-services/accommodation</a></p> <p>It is possible to provide accommodation services to everyone again without any conditions - having met the O-N requirements is not necessary anymore.</p> <p>In accommodation facilities, wearing a respirator or other protective device in all common areas is not necessary anymore. During your stay, follow the elevated hygiene rules and, if possible, stay mostly in your hotel room.</p> <p>It is also important to take extra care when cleaning the rooms, towels and bedding. This will significantly reduce the risk of infection (for both residents and employees).</p> <p>Restaurants in accommodation facilities are subject to the same conditions as other catering facilities. You will find out the exact rules on the <a href="#">Catering Facilities page</a>.</p> <p>If you feel sick or note any COVID-19 symptoms, please behave considerately and avoid any accommodation facilities.</p> <p><b>Indoors</b> - <a href="https://covid.gov.cz/en/situations/face-masks-and-respirators/indoors">https://covid.gov.cz/en/situations/face-masks-and-respirators/indoors</a></p> <p><b>Rules and Recommendations</b></p> <p>Indoors, in the case of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• medical facilities</li> <li>• social care facilities</li> <li>• means of public transport and taxi vehicles</li> </ul> <p>it is mandatory to have the mouth and nose covered with a respirator or other protective device without an exhalation valve with a filtration efficiency of at least 94% (class FFP2 / KN 95).</p>
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	<p>Children from up to 15 years of age (including) can use a surgical mask as protection, but we recommend they use a respirator as well.</p> <p>The face covering does not need to be worn while being at home or other accommodation areas (e.g. especially hotel rooms).</p> <p>The face covering does not need to be worn by children that have not started school yet or while being with people who live in the same household. This exemption also includes people who cannot wear a face covering because of a serious mental illness or intellectual impairment and people who cannot have them for health reasons - but this must be proved by a confirmation from a doctor and this confirmation must also state what respiratory protective equipment this person may wear or that he/she cannot wear any respiratory protection.</p> <p>Athletes, coaches and referees have an exception to the obligation to wear a mask during training or a match.</p> <p>Respirators provide more effective protection than masks. Therefore, we recommend that you wear it whenever you are away from home. By doing this, you will protect yourself and others.</p>
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## Event Plans

<p>What standard protocols does the event have in place to address Covid-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social distancing</li> <li>• Gathering numbers</li> <li>• PPE</li> <li>• Vaccination requirements</li> <li>• Pre and during event testing</li> <li>• Protocols if a NZ rider tests positive</li> </ul>	<p>Following UCI requirements and government requirements</p> <p>For all the latest updates regarding the measures for COVID-19, we would like to refer you to the following page: <a href="https://covid.gov.cz/en">https://covid.gov.cz/en</a></p> <p><b>COVID GENERAL PROVISIONS</b> - <a href="https://www.mtbnmnm.com/covid">https://www.mtbnmnm.com/covid</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the moment, there are no restrictions for our event according to Czech law.</li> <li>• We have no limit on the number of spectators.</li> <li>• There is no obligation to wear a mask.</li> <li>• No vaccination, recovery or testing certificates are required to enter the event site.</li> </ul> <p><b>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ATHLETES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep a minimum distance of 1.5 metres from other people.</li> <li>• Adequate hygiene.</li> <li>• Wearing a medical mask or a respirator (FFP2 or equivalent) in enclosed indoor areas accessible to the public.</li> </ul> <p>Regular ventilation of enclosed spaces.</p>
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<p>What standard protocols does the event have in place to address your safety:</p> <p>Eg:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical coverage</li> <li>• Security</li> <li>• Emergency response</li> <li>• Official practice or training times.</li> </ul>	<p>General information can be found at the following link:</p> <p><a href="https://www.mtbnmnm.com/wc-program">https://www.mtbnmnm.com/wc-program</a></p> <p>Medical unknown at this stage</p>
<p>Any other residue concerns that the event has not addressed in regards to event management and/or COVID management?</p>	<p><b>If you are diagnosed with COVID-19</b></p> <p>You stay <b>at least 7 days</b> in <a href="#">self-isolation</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit all visits.</li> <li>• At home should stay only the members of the household who are taking care of the infected person.</li> <li>• Separate yourself from other members of the household.</li> <li>• To protect others, use a face mask when you are in the same room as them.</li> <li>• Isolate yourself in a well-ventilated area where you can open a window.</li> <li>• If you do not have a separate toilet, disinfect the area after every use by an infected person.</li> <li>• Use your separate towels, kitchen utensils, drinking glasses, bed linen, and other household items commonly shared in the house.</li> <li>• If you need, any shopping such as pharmacy or grocery, ask your friends, neighbors, or social workers for help.</li> <li>• Avoid direct contact with people. For example, have your purchases delivered to your door instead of to your hands.</li> <li>• Wash and disinfect hands before and after any interaction with other people.</li> <li>• Follow your doctor's instructions and call him if your conditions get worse.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://covid.gov.cz/en/situations/infection-and-general-measures/isolation">https://covid.gov.cz/en/situations/infection-and-general-measures/isolation</a></p> <p>A negative test is required for entry to NZ, however it is possible if the rider has contracted COVID19 whilst over there the pre-departure test could return a positive result. If this is the case then a medical certificate will be required. Details as follows:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>If your pre-departure test is positive, but you believe this is because of a historical COVID-19 infection, you need to see a medical practitioner who will examine you for current symptoms of COVID-19.</i></li> <li>• <i>If they are confident you do not currently have a COVID-19 infection, you will need them to provide:</i></li> <li>• <i>a medical certificate with the date of your previous positive test, within 48 hours of your first international flight and</i></li> <li>• <i>documentation stating that they consider you as no longer being infectious with COVID-19.</i></li> <li>• <i>If you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 3 months, book your medical examination in advance of receiving your test results.</i></li> <li>• <i>You should also check with your airlines about any regulations they may have in place regarding past COVID-19 infections.</i></li> <li>• <i>You are still required to provide a current valid pre-departure test if you have recovered from COVID-19.</i></li> </ul> <p><a href="https://covid19.govt.nz/international-travel/travel-to-new-zealand/pre-departure-tests-to-enter-new-zealand/">https://covid19.govt.nz/international-travel/travel-to-new-zealand/pre-departure-tests-to-enter-new-zealand/</a></p>
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## Medical

<b>Current pressure on local health system that may impact your ability to receive medical support in the event of an injury.</b>	Given the relatively low number of cases currently being experienced in Czech and the low death rate it is assumed the hospitals are not under stress at this point in time.
<b>Athlete health check prior to travel</b>	<i>The UCI do not have any requirements for pre-health checks prior to competing in an international event, aside from the COVID requirements as stipulated by the event. It is however recommended by Cycling NZ that all riders have a medical check from either a HPSNZ doctor or their local GP to identify any underlying medical conditions that could be additional risk if they were to contract COVID19 prior to leaving NZ.</i>
<b>Recommendation for self-health checks while at event</b>	Self-manage for any COVID19 symptoms

## Assessment Summary and Recommendations



The key points:

- Case numbers lower than what we are experiencing in NZ.
- There are currently no effective restrictions for the Czech Republic
- The NZ Government is easing restrictions on travel, however this can change at short notice as we have seen in the past.

It is important to note:

- COVID19 is still an unknown virus and can escalate extremely quickly, this could result in difficulty in getting back home to NZ should there be an outbreak and also treatment at a hospital could be impacted for not only COVID19 related symptoms but other injuries.
- If an athlete contracts COVID19 they will be required to isolate for 7 days, which is a financial risk as well as impacting training significantly for future events

**Given the above it is recommended that this event is deemed:**

**ORANGE – Based on the information available, there are some moderate risks of attending this event outside of what should be reasonable accepted for international travel. All those wishing to receive an entry/accreditation or selection should complete an informed consent form and will be required to adequately and appropriately be able to demonstrate their understanding of this additional risk and their plans in place to mitigate the. These risks are as follows:**

1. Acknowledge that the chance of contracting COVID19 during travel is still possible and you will be required to isolate for 7 days in Czech Republic if you test positive.
2. The event is not required to have any restrictions in place so there is a higher chance of someone having COVID at the event and a rider catching it.
3. Ability to stay in Czech Republic or in another country for an extended period of time, if the NZ government decides to change the border status
4. If you contract COVID-19 and want to return to NZ you may still return a positive pre-departure PCR test so a medical certificate will be required within 48 hours prior to travel

**Recommendation approved by Independent Risk Assessor: Shanelle Barrett**

Signed:



Date: 14 April 2022

