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Vaccination - National Significance Category message

On 25 March, Cycling New Zealand received word from Sport New Zealand (SNZ), High Performance Sport New Zealand (HPSNZ), New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC) and Paralympics New Zealand (PNZ) that Tokyo bound Olympians and Paralympians, as it pertains to the newly announced Government vaccine roll-out plan, will be included in the "National Significance" category.

While the roll out process is yet to be finalised, the aim is to complete Olympic and Paralympic vaccinations prior to the start of team member "pre-Games 14-day health monitoring phase", as required by Games organisers as a condition of entry into Japan.

In order to deliver the vaccination programme to those athletes and team support attending the Olympic and Paralympic Games and noting the current long-lists must be further refined, the NZOC and PNZ have been working with NSOs to understand which long list team members will be eligible and when and where this might occur. This information will be passed to the Ministry of Health to deliver the roll-out plan.

However, until criteria and guidelines are provided on 31 March, we will not be in a position to consider applications from individuals or teams for any access to this roll out under the "National Significance" category.

Cycling New Zealand continues to work with the aforementioned organisations and the Government of New Zealand to support the implementation of this roll out.

In the interim, information about early vaccination for travel can be found [here](#) on the Ministry of Health website.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.



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