

International Travel Assessment Form

2021 MTB Marathon World Championships

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Event Name	MTB Marathon World Championships
Date of Event	2 October 2021
Location of Event including Country	Elba, Italy
Event Website	https://www.uci.org/mountain-bike/events/uci-mountain-bike-marathon-world-championships
Names of athletes, support staff travelling	
Travel itinerary Include any stopovers	Will vary depending on where riders are coming from and will be included in each individuals plan
Current NZ COVID Alert Level and NZ government travel recommendations	<p>NZ is at alert level 4 – for an unknown period of time</p> <p>New Zealanders are advised not to travel overseas at this time. The New Zealand Government has raised its travel advice to “do not travel” — the highest level — regardless of destination.</p> <p>The current travel bubble with Australia is on hold.</p>
Return to New Zealand requirements and costs and who will be funding? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIQ voucher - https://allocation.miq.govt.nz/portal/ • Pre-departure testing requirements • Who will cover the costs? • Training options in room? • https://covid19.govt.nz/travel-and-the-border/travel-to-new-zealand/pre-departure-testing-for- 	<p>All travellers to New Zealand (excluding those from Antarctica, Australia and most Pacific Islands) must show evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result before departure. This is for all countries as at 25th January 2021.</p> <p>MIQ charges are still \$3100 per person.</p> <p>All travellers entering NZ are also required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a managed isolation voucher, secured via the new allocation system. If you do not hold a voucher, you will be refused boarding. • go into ‘managed isolation’ in a government-provided facility (hotel), or • if you have COVID-19 symptoms, go into a quarantine facility (separate hotel). • You will need to stay there for at least 14 days. This will prevent any further unmanaged COVID-19 infection coming into New Zealand. You can’t self-isolate at home or take a domestic flight before the 14-day period is completed. • Provide a pre-departure test – within 72 hours of departure – A positive test result means you may not be able to travel. If you test positive, you may not be able to board your flight. You should postpone your travel and follow local public health advice. If you choose to travel at a later date when you have recovered, you will be required to get a medical certificate within 72 hours from the time of departure

<p>arrivals-into-new-zealand/internationaltravel@sportnz.org.nz</p> <p>https://covid19.govt.nz/travel-and-the-border/travel-to-new-zealand/pre-departure-testing-for-arrivals-into-new-zealand/what-to-do-before-you-travel-pre-departure-testing/</p>	<p>that confirms that you had a positive COVID-19 test but have now recovered.</p> <p>There are very limited MIQ spots available.</p>
<p>As at 19 August — https://allocation.miq.govt.nz/portal/</p> <div data-bbox="209 770 1445 1196"> </div>	
<p>Significance/Importance of this travel? Olympic Qualifications etc.?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MTB Marathon World Championships event is the final XCO event in Europe for the season • Important development step towards the World Championships where our MTB riders are expected to perform against the 'World's Best' and the exposure to European racing is invaluable for our riders who have limited access to high level of competition in NZL. • We have 3 applicants already for this event already who are seeking National Federation entry (including Anton Cooper our Level 1 carded athlete and Olympian as the final event of his International Calendar)
<p>Travel Information and Insurance</p>	
<p>In-flight requirements of airline and/or government (e.g., face masks, physical distancing, sanitation etc.)</p>	<p><u>Air NZ</u> - All passengers are required to wear a face-covering prior to reaching the boarding gate and on all Air New Zealand operated flights. Passengers are welcome to wear their own face-covering and we will continue to make masks available.</p> <p>High touch surfaces will be cleaned regularly, and we are taking extra steps to ensure all our aircraft, lounges and airports are frequently cleaned. Hand sanitiser will be readily available.</p> <p>Physical distancing is still recommended at the airport and while boarding at Alert Level 1. Where possible we will allocate additional space to support physical distancing on board</p>

	<p>Our food & beverage service is back to normal. Please wear a mask or face covering while you're not enjoying a drink or bite to eat.</p> <p>https://www.airnewzealand.co.nz/covid19#care</p> <p><i>Other airlines will need to be reviewed depending on airlines available to travel to Italy. Athletes would be advised to wear a mask and carry out their own sanitization of their seats should they travel. This would be covered in their safety plan</i></p>
<p>Travel and health insurance status and what has been put in place.</p> <p>What will this cover?</p> <p>e.g., if there is an outbreak and local quarantine is required, hospitalization, intensive care support and potential relocation?</p> <p>COVID infection risk after travel with COVID positive person(s) and therefore required to isolate with no training options</p>	<p>Insurance for each rider will be known when they complete their safety plan. The rider will need to acknowledge that any shortfalls from the insurance with regards to disruption, medical cover etc. will need to be personally covered by the rider</p> <p>Chubb – Declared “foreseen circumstance”</p> <p>There is no cover for trip cancellation or disruption if the policy was purchased after the customer became aware of circumstances which could lead to the cancellation or disruption of the trip (a “foreseen circumstance”). It is important that the customer considers this prior to the purchase of any new travel insurance or new travel arrangements for an existing travel policy with Chubb.</p> <p>Chubb considers COVID-19 to be a “foreseen circumstance” for policies that are issued and/or travel arrangements under an existing policy that are paid for after the following dates for travel to, from or within the following areas:</p> <p>5:00 pm (NZDT) on 22 January 2020 for Hubei province, China; 9:00 am (NZDT) on 2 February 2020 for mainland China; and 4:00 pm (NZDT) on 2 March 2020 for all other destinations outside New Zealand.</p> <p>Therefore, where a policy was issued and/or travel arrangements are paid for after the above dates, COVID-19 is considered a “foreseen circumstance” and as such claims for trip cancellation or disruption are unlikely to be covered by the policy. As such, please ensure that you or your client consider this prior to making any travel arrangements or purchasing a policy.</p>
<p>Accommodation at event and in transit (if applicable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers per room • Cooking facilities? • Laundry facilities • Location in proximity to event venue 	<p>Unknown at this stage until plans are completed by individuals</p>
<p>Testing requirements</p>	<p>https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioContenutiNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=english&id=5412&area=nuovoCoronavirus&menu=vuoto</p>

- Is there a requirement for pre-departure testing?
- What are the testing requirements on arrival? (e.g. rapid diagnostic testing, temperature or medical checks)

There are no restrictions on entry from these countries, subject to any provisions adopted regionally.

There are restrictions on entry into Italy in the event that the traveller who departed from a Country in List D had transited or stayed in one of the States in List E in the 14 days prior to entry into Italy.

Anyone who has been to or transited through one of the Countries on List D in the 14 days preceding entry into Italy must comply with the following obligations:

- take a negative molecular or antigen swab test in the 72 hours to entering Italy with a negative result
- in the case of entries from the UK and Northern Ireland and from the islands, the swab test must be taken within 48 hours of entering Italy
- fill in the Digital Passenger Locator Form before entering Italy. The form replaces the self-declaration made to the transport operator.
- inform the local health authority immediately of your arrival in Italy. See: COVID-19 Regional toll-free numbers and information
- travel to your final destination in Italy by private transport only
- undergo self-isolation and health surveillance for 5 days
- take an additional molecular or antigen swab test at the end of the 5-day isolation period

There are different specifications depending on origin.

<https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioContenutiNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=italiano&id=5412&area=nuovoCoronavirus&menu=vuoto&tab=4>



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Do not travel overseas at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic, associated health risks and widespread travel restrictions. This do not travel advisory (level 4 of 4) applies to all destinations except Australia and the Cook Islands... [Read more](#)

Exercise increased caution in Australia and the Cook Islands (level 2 of 4). Quarantine-free travel is now available between New Zealand and Australia, and between New Zealand and the Cook Islands... [Read more](#)

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We currently advise that all New Zealanders [do not travel overseas at this time](#) due to the outbreak of COVID-19, associated health risks and widespread travel restrictions.

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COVID Information at Destination and transit locations

Local COVID-19 epidemiology at both destination and transit locations

<https://ourworldindata.org/policy-responses-covid#international-travel-controls>

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus>

<https://www.who.int/countries>

<https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/travel-advisories-destination>

Italy

Confirmed Cases – 4,456,765

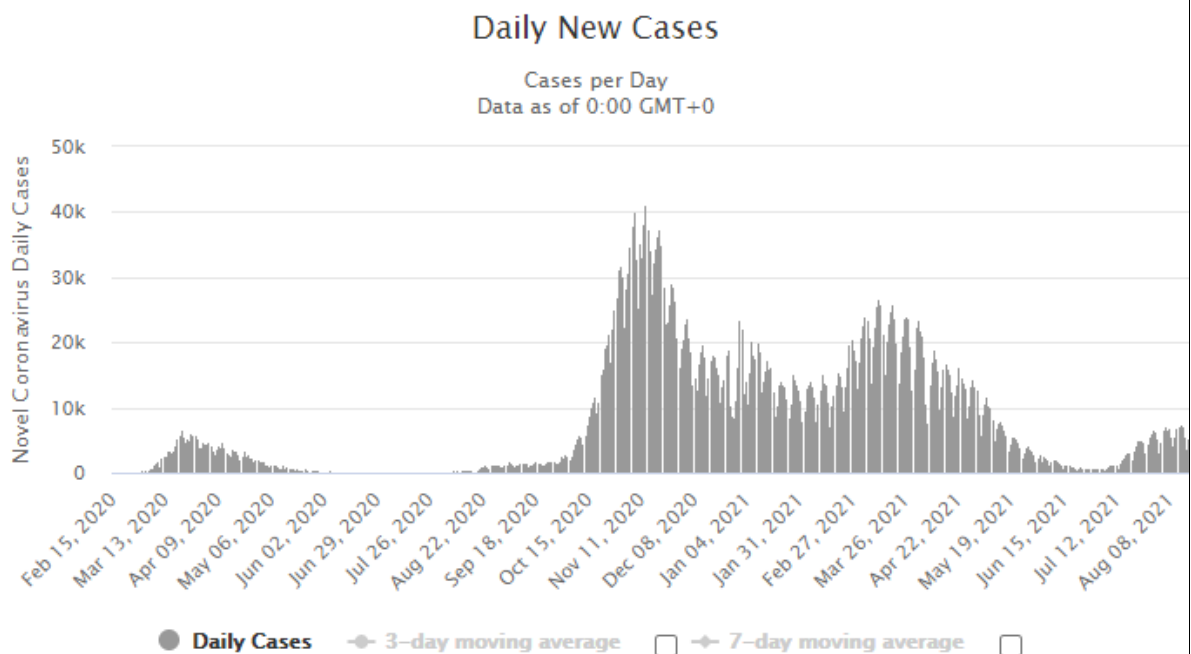
Deaths – 128,579

Daily new cases – 4000-7000

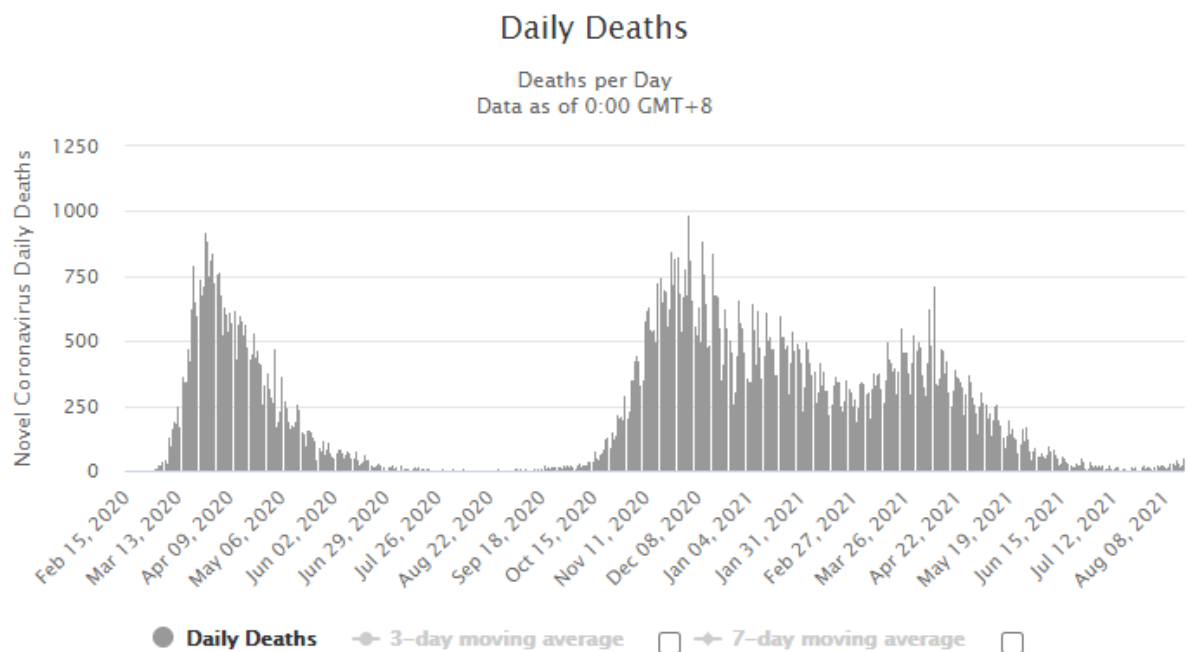
Daily cases have risen again, however the daily deaths have not seen the same increase. This is likely due to increase in vaccination but is a concern that there is an increase in cases.

<https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioContenutiNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=english&id=5367&area=nuovoCoronavirus&menu=vuoto>

Daily New Cases in Italy



Daily New Deaths in Italy



MIQ requirements at destination – Key point here is ‘which country are you coming from’ and entering which country

- Which country are they travelling from and entering which country
- Number of days?
- Impact on training or details of what will be available?
- Costs?

MIQ requirements are based on the location of origin full list and requirements can be found here:

<https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioContenutiNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=italiano&id=5412&area=nuovoCoronavirus&menu=vuoto>

For NZ

<https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioContenutiNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=italiano&id=5412&area=nuovoCoronavirus&menu=vuoto&tab=4>

Validity of regulations

The provisions remain in force until August 30, 2021.

Contract Tracing requirements

<https://www.immuni.it> - available in English



Public gathering restrictions and stay-at-home requirements at the destination

Currently all of Italy is in a “White Zone”

The only rules that still have to be observed are: maintain a safe distance and avoid crowds.

It will no longer mandatory to wear masks outdoors, but you must always carry one with you and wear it if it is not possible to maintain the safety distance.

	<p>Masks must still be worn in indoor public places such as bars, restaurants, museums and public transport.</p> <p>https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioContenutiNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=english&id=5367&area=nuovoCoronavirus&menu=vuoto</p>
<p>Internal movement restrictions at destination and transit locations. Public transport etc.</p>	<p>Local Public Transport</p> <p>Local public transport (buses, metro, trams, etc.) may circulate with max. 80% passengers. The COVID-19 green pass is not needed in order to use these means of transport.</p> <p>Medium and Long Distance Public Transport</p> <p>As of 1 September 2021, a COVID-19 green pass must be presented in order to use the following types of public transport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic flights • Ships and ferries connecting different regions, except for ferries crossing the Strait of Messina • Intercity, Intercity Night and High Speed Trains (the COVID-19 green pass is not required to board local trains) • Coaches and buses connecting different regions • Coaches and buses on hire with driver <p>http://www.italia.it/en/useful-info/covid-19-updates-information-for-tourists.html</p>
<p>Specific health support (including COVID-19 and emergency non-COVID-19 care) availability at destination. Information on current status of hospitals and health care facilities</p> <p>How will this be paid for? Insurance or other funding?</p>	<p>The coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak caused massive troubles in Italy. The resilience of the Italian healthcare system and the limited capacity of hospitals were among the most challenging issues facing authorities. As the graph shows, the spread of the virus put hospitals and medical staff under a lot of pressure. At its peak, the number of COVID-19 patients treated in intensive care units (ICU) across the country exceeded four thousand. Since the beginning of April 2020, when the peak was recorded, this figure decreased gradually, before increasing steadily again during the second and third wave, which reached their peak in November 2020 and April 2021, respectively. Since the beginning of April, the number of ICU patients has been dropping and amounted to 268 as of August 5, 2021.</p> <p>The limited capacity of Intensive Care Units has been a dramatic issue in Italy since the start of the pandemic. In the last months, however, the country started to see the end of this terrible situation: as of August 2021, the authorities administered more than 70 million doses of vaccines.</p> <p>https://www.statista.com/statistics/1119163/covid-19-patients-in-icu-since-the-outbreak-italy/</p>
<p>Additional details that could impact this assessment?</p>	
<p>Event Details</p>	
<p>Details from Events management plan for COVID 19 –</p>	<p>UCI have released protocol for the organisation of MTB Events in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>These include recommended protocols and mandatory protocols.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what is in place to keep athletes and support crew safe? • Is it deemed sufficient? • Does it follow UCI protocols? • Plans if someone presents with COVID at the event venue? 	<p>There is currently no information from the LOC regarding COVID protocols</p> <p>https://www.uci.org/docs/default-source/medical/2020.08.21-protocol-return-comp-mtb-eng.pdf</p> <p>A full detailed plan from the LOC is not yet available, however confirmation has been received from Xavier Bigard (UCI Medical Director) that he is monitoring and reviewing all UCI sanctioned events to ensure that they are meeting the COVID requirements. This gives a level of confidence that the event will meet the requirements of the UCI and also the government.</p>
<p>UCI Requirements</p>	<p>From: Bigard Xavier - UCI <Xavier.Bigard@uci.ch> Sent: Thursday, 22 July 2021 8:35 PM To: Shanelle Barrett <Shanelle@sbevents.nz> Subject: RE: COVID Protocols and plans</p> <p>Dear Shanelle,</p> <p>To answer your comment...., yes of course, we regularly check the countermeasures put in place by the organisers, we organise videoconferences to deal with logistic issues, we check that Covid tests are carried out before each race.... we have not only drawn up protocols, we also verify that they are applied, and we have a range of fines in the event that the Covid countermeasures are not applied.</p> <p>Best regards Xavier</p> <p>Xavier Bigard Directeur Médical Medical Director</p> <p> UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE</p> <p>T : +41 24 468 58 11 M : +41 79 123 50 14 D : +41 24 468 58 09</p> 
<p>Event organisation COVID-19 restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing • Gathering numbers • PPE 	<p>Unknown at this stage</p>
<p>Are there medical supplies and PPE available at the destination?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face masks • Personal medical supplies • Sanitiser 	<p>Given the lower case numbers these should now be readily available</p>

Testing Requirements at event	Unknown at this stage however the UCI do recommend that COVID testing and health checks are carried out by riders prior to arriving onsite.
Training facilities and plans	Unknown at this stage
Medical	
Athlete health prior to travel	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.
What medical support will there be for general illness, incidents etc.? Availability of medical supplies?	Unknown at this stage for event
Daily health Checks – how will this be carried out?	Daily health checks are likely to be required by the event and these could be carried out online through Cycling NZ.
Assessment Notes/Recommendations	
<p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Italy is currently seeing an increase in the number of COVID cases, with around 5000-7000 new cases every day. However, the deaths have remained low, which is likely due to the vaccine program that is being rolled out. It would therefore be a high recommendation that anyone travelling to this event are fully vaccinated prior to travel. Hospitals are not under the same amount of pressure as they were previously and are below the critical threshold in all regions, which is likely a result of the vaccine, however if the daily numbers increase it could see resources stretched. All regions are now classified as White Regions, which means there are no regions in high risk and restrictions have eased significantly. LOC have not produced a detailed COVID plan yet however the UCI Medical Director is overseeing all COVID plans to ensure that they meet UCI and government requirements. All riders will be required to complete a Cycling NZ <i>International Event Entry Application (IEEA)</i> prior to being entered into the event. This will be the rider's safety plan for the event. NZ is currently going through a heightened alert level with regards to COVID. This could impact travel to and from NZ but these will not be known for several days. MIQ is becoming increasingly hard to obtain <p>It is important to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZ government is still recommending not to travel. Leaving NZ carries increased risk. 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 quarantined for a minimum of 10 days, which is a financial risk as well as impacting training significantly for future events 	
RECOMMENDATION TO CYCLING NEW ZEALAND	

As at 19 August it is recommended that Cycling New Zealand allow entries for the MTB Marathon World Champs to be held in Elba, Italy with entry into the event pending on the following requirements/restrictions:

- It is recommended that riders have full vaccination prior to travel to Italy.
- Riders acknowledge, if they are not already overseas, that their travel and entry to the event could be impacted by the current lockdown levels in NZ.
- Each rider produces a safety plan around their travel – minimum requirement will be completing the CNZ International Event Entry Application (IEEA) to a sufficient standard and this being approved by CNZ. This will also require the rider to continue to review this should there be any changes or developments prior to departure. Riders must update their plan once LOC requirements are received

By selecting the athlete and once entered into the event, they agree to abide by all UCI and LOC Event Bubble rules.

Name: Shanelle Barrett

Signature: 

Date 19 August 2021

FINAL DECISION BY CYCLING NEW ZEALAND

Recommendation above APPROVED / DECLINED

Name: Jacques Landry

Signature: 

Date: 23 August, 2021

Resources

<https://www.uci.org/mountain-bike/events/uci-mountain-bike-marathon-world-championships>

<http://www.italia.it/en/useful-info/covid-19-updates-information-for-tourists.html>

<https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioNotizieNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=english&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=5541>

<https://www.uci.org/news/2020/covid-19-pandemic-how-to-return-to-cycling-events>

<https://www.miq.govt.nz/>

<https://safetravel.govt.nz/news/advice-new-zealanders-overseas-0>

<https://sportnz.org.nz/media/3615/guidelines-for-international-travel-for-new-zealand-nso-16-december-final.pdf>

<https://hpsnz.org.nz/covid-19/>

<https://www.miq.govt.nz/travel-to-new-zealand/plan-your-travel-to-nz/pre-departure-testing/>

<https://www.staralliance.com/en/country-info>

<https://ourworldindata.org/policy-responses-covid#international-travel-controls>

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus>

<https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/travel-advisories-destination>

<https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/world.php>

NZ Ministry of Health COVID-19 - <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

NZ Government COVID-19 - <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

Sport New Zealand Covid-19 Information - <https://sportnz.org.nz/covid-19-response/overview/>

<https://allocation.miq.govt.nz/portal/>

Complete these four steps if you are travelling to New Zealand

STEP ONE

Create an individual or family registration

Enter passenger details. For family registrations, enter the details of everyone in your group who is travelling to New Zealand with you.



STEP TWO

Hold your accommodation

Select your preferred arrival date in New Zealand. A 14-day stay in managed isolation will be held for 48 hours while you organise your flights.



STEP THREE

Confirm your arrival details

Book your flights then return here to enter your flight details to New Zealand. Your allocation in managed isolation will be confirmed.



STEP FOUR

Print or download your Voucher

You will need to present your Managed Isolation Allocation Voucher at the airport to board your flight to New Zealand.



Additional for this assessment:

<https://sportnz.org.nz/covid-19-response/advice-guidance-and-resources/international-travel-exemption-form/>

<https://sportnz.org.nz/media/3673/international-travel-update-28-01.pdf>