


International Travel Assessment Form

2021 Maribor MTB World Cup

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Event Name	2021 Maribor MTB World Cup
Date of Event	14-15 August 2021
Location of Event including Country	Maribor Slovenia
Event Website	https://www.worldcup.si/
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 1</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, which highlights how quickly situations can change.</p>

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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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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade is not issuing a specific travel advisory for Slovenia at this time.

New Zealanders travelling or living in Slovenia should have comprehensive medical and travel insurance policies in place that include provision for medical evacuation by air.

New Zealanders travelling or living in Slovenia are encouraged to [register their details](#) with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Return to New Zealand requirements and costs and who will be funding?

- 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-arrivals-into-new-zealand/>
- internationaltravel@spornz.org.nz
- <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/>
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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.


MIQ charges are still \$3100 per person.

All travellers entering NZ are also required to:

- 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 that confirms that you had a positive COVID-19 test but have now recovered.

There are limited MIQ spots available, however they are released periodically so may become available. Information from Sport NZ June update:

“Currently bookings can be made as far out as 30 October 2021, and MIQ’s intention is to release vouchers up to six months in advance. MIQ vouchers for dates are released on a periodic basis and availability is

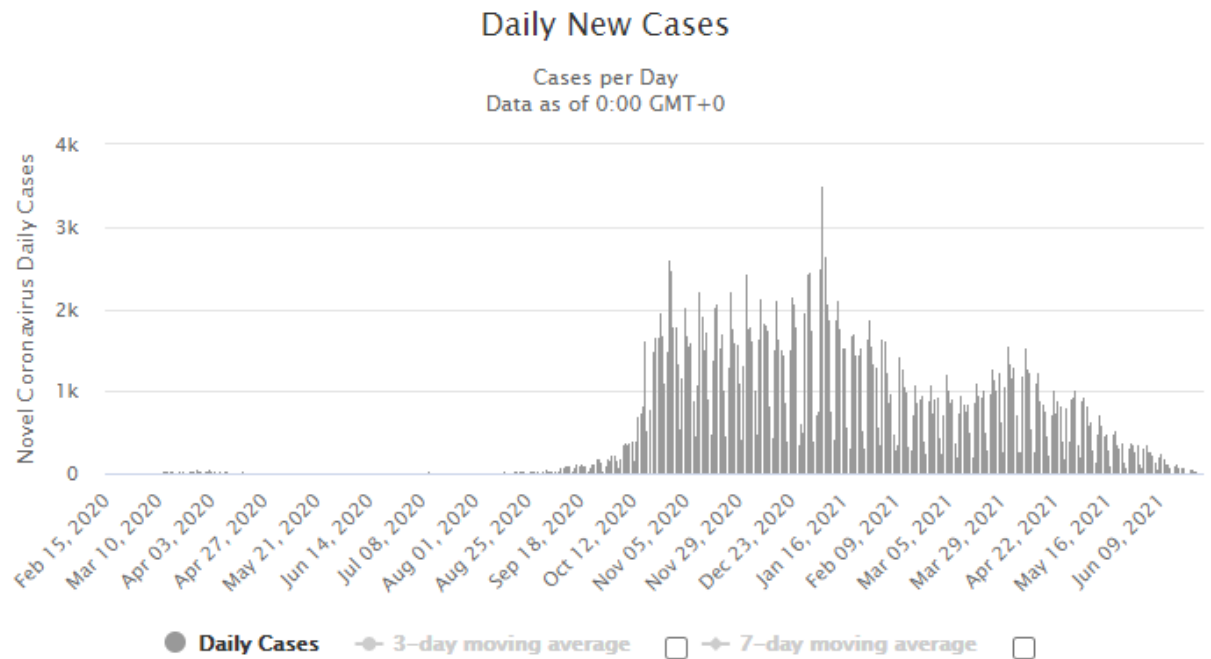
	<p>constantly changing, so if your preferred date of travel is not available then keep checking. However, we highly recommend that you also have flexibility around your travel dates. <i>As an example of this, while dates for September and October may show in MIAS as unavailable, it is our understanding that less than 50% of vouchers have been released for these months and the remainder will be continue to be released."</i></p>
<p>As at 29 June -- https://allocation.miq.govt.nz/portal/</p>	
	
<p>Significance/Importance of this travel? Olympic Qualifications etc.?</p>	<p>The Maribor MTB World Cup is the 4th MTB bike World Cup in 2021 out of a planned 8 World Cups (and the 4th of 6 to include DH) in the qualification process for the year towards World Championships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTB World Cups are an 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. • This World Cup is for DH only, so does not contribute to Olympic or Commonwealth Games targets. • World Championships qualification is important to ensure we can perform on the World stage, meet High Performance and Development Targets. • Due to the Global Pandemic and the previous position statement, we have not been able to process entries in the first three DH MTB World Cups. • Some of our riders have been lucky enough to be able to join a UCI registered MTB Teams as a way to gain entries to these events, but unfortunately with the window for new additions to teams now closed coinciding with the IEEA process just being developed to enable National Federation entries (under a conditional risk assessment process). • This has meant anyone NOT on the Olympic Long List has not been able to gain this international experience and racing since 2019 before the COVID Pandemic halted all events in 2020. Since then, although LOC's and UCI have held events, CNZ Position Statement disabled our MTB High Performance and Development athlete's ability to gain entry through the National Federation and to travel Internationally. • For our riders that were 1st year U19 or U23 in 2020, it means they have now missed out on a whole category of racing against International competition and will likely impact our qualification and

	results in World Championships, Commonwealth Games and Olympics.
Travel Information and Insurance	
In-flight requirements of airline and/or government (e.g., face masks, physical distancing, sanitation etc.)	<p>Air NZ - 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 <u>Slovenia</u>. 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>
Travel and health insurance status and what has been put in place. What will this cover? e.g., if there is an outbreak and local quarantine is required, hospitalization, intensive care support and potential relocation? COVID infection risk after travel with COVID positive person(s) and therefore required to isolate with no training options	<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” 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</p>

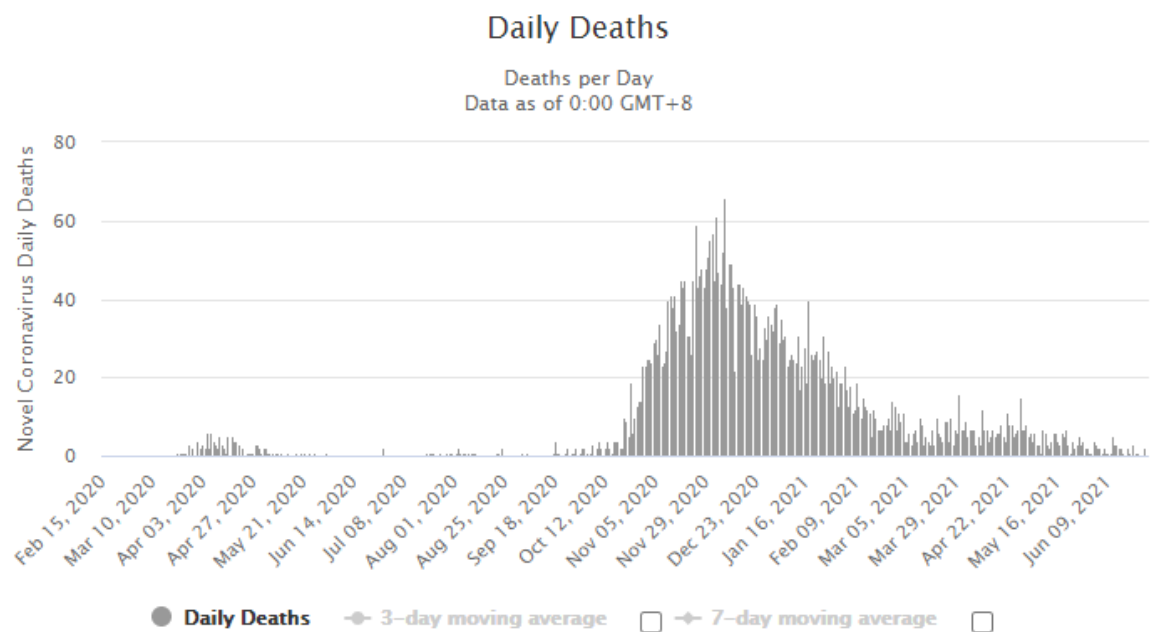
	your client consider this prior to making any travel arrangements or purchasing a policy.
Accommodation at event and in transit (if applicable) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers per room • Cooking facilities? • Laundry facilities • Location in proximity to event venue 	Unknown at this stage until plans are completed by individuals
Testing requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a requirement for pre-departure testing? • What are the testing requirements on arrival? (e.g. rapid diagnostic testing, temperature or medical checks) 	<p>The following is accepted as proof upon entry into Slovenia:</p> <p>a negative PCR test provided that no more than 72 hours have passed since the swab was taken,</p> <p>a negative rapid antigen test provided that no more than 48 hours have passed since the swab was taken,</p> <p>a certificate of recovery (a certificate of positive PCR test result, which is more than ten days old, unless a doctor assesses otherwise, but no more than six months old, or a medical certificate confirming that the person has recovered from COVID-19 and that no more than six months have elapsed since the onset of symptoms;</p> <p>a certificate of vaccination demonstrating that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – at least seven days have elapsed since receiving the second dose of the Comirnaty vaccine produced by Biontech/Pfizer, – at least 14 days have elapsed since receiving the second dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine produced by Moderna, – at least 21 days have elapsed since receiving the first dose of the Vaxzevria (COVID-19 Vaccine) produced by AstraZeneca, – at least 14 days have elapsed since receiving a dose of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine produced by Johnson and Johnson/Janssen-Cilag, – at least 21 days have elapsed since receiving the first dose of the Covishield vaccine produced by the Serum Institute of India/AstraZeneca, - at least 14 days have elapsed since receiving the second dose of the Sputnik V vaccine produced by Russia's Gamaleya National Centre of Epidemiology and Microbiology, – at least 14 days have elapsed since receiving the second dose of the CoronaVac vaccine produced by Sinovac Biotech, – at least 14 days have elapsed since receiving the second dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine produced by Sinopharm, <p>a certificate of vaccination for persons who have recovered from COVID-19 (a certificate of recovery and proof that the person has been vaccinated with one dose of a vaccine referred to in the preceding point within eight months of a positive PCR test result or the onset of symptoms). The following combination shall be considered adequate proof: proof of vaccination with at least one dose and of a positive PCR test result, or proof of vaccination with at least one dose and a medical certificate of recovery from COVID-19,</p> <p>if a person is vaccinated with a combination of two different vaccines under point 4, protection is established after the second dose of a particular type of vaccine has been administered. If such a person is first vaccinated with the vaccine under indent three or five of point 4 (AstraZeneca vaccine), protection is established immediately after they receive the second dose if they are vaccinated for the second time with the vaccine under indent one of point 4 (Biontech/Pfizer vaccine) or</p>

	<p>indent two of point 4 (Moderna vaccine) and they receive the second dose within 4 to 12 weeks after the first dose.</p> <p>https://www.gov.si/en/topics/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/border-crossing/</p> <p>Details of requirements are outline in whether a country is green list, orange or red.</p> <p>New Zealand is considered a green listed country, but each individual will need to review where they are currently residing as to which level they are at and what their requirements will be when entering into Slovenia.</p> <p>A person arriving from an area on the green list may enter Slovenia without being ordered to quarantine at home. Upon entry they must provide proof of having resided in an area on the green list for at least five consecutive days prior to entry. The person is only required to provide proof that covers the period from their departure from Slovenia to their return to Slovenia if this period is shorter than five days. That means that someone who leaves Slovenia and returns to it in less than five days is not required to provide proof of an uninterrupted five-day stay on return, but only for the period of time that they were not in Slovenia. If they are not able to provide relevant proof, they are considered to have come from an area on the dark red list.</p>
COVID Information at Destination and transit locations	
<p>Local COVID-19 epidemiology at both destination and transit locations</p> <p>https://ourworldindata.org/policy-responses-covid#international-travel-controls</p> <p>https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus</p> <p>https://www.who.int/countries</p> <p>https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/travel-advisories-destination</p> <p>https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/world.php</p>	<p>Slovenia</p> <p>Confirmed Cases – 257,252</p> <p>Deaths – 4,419</p> <p>Daily new cases – 50-100</p> <p>Slovenia has seen a decline in daily cases since April 2021. Their highest daily rate only reached a peak of 3512 in early January. Daily deaths have also reduced significantly since February 2021</p>

Daily New Cases in Slovenia



Daily New Deaths in Slovenia



The latest data

Daily tested

7.292

-6.592

PCR: 648 HAGT: 6.644

Daily confirmed positive tests

12

-7

All HAGT positive are confirmed by PCR test and only those that are also positive by PCR are included in the statistics.

Daily positive test rate

1,9 %

-0,3 p. p.

PCR only

Hospitalized

74

-1

Intensive care

22

-1

Discharged

6

+5

Deaths

0

0

7-day average number of confirmed infections

32

-5

14-day incidence

35

-1

The latest data for **27 June 2021** and the difference compared to the previous day are shown. Source: Ministry of Health and National Institute of Public Health

<https://www.gov.si/en/topics/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/>

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 and whether that country is a green/orange/red or dark red listed country.

<https://www.gov.si/en/topics/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/border-crossing/>

Contract Tracing requirements

Unable to determine

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

Table which outlines current restrictions can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.si/en/topics/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/measures-to-contain-the-spread-of-covid-19-infections/>

Masks are mandatory:

- in all closed public spaces,
- on public transport,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in open public spaces or outside, if a distance of at least 1,5 metres is not maintained and • in personal vehicles. <p>Sports All sports competitions, in both recreational and professional sports, are permitted.</p> <p>Spectators can once again be present at sports competitions if they meet the RVT condition*. The presence of spectators is permitted for up to 75% of seating capacity.</p> <p>Recreational sports can be practised individually or in groups of up to 50 people.</p>
Internal movement restrictions at destination and transit locations. Public transport etc.	Public transport is operating but masks are mandatory
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 How will this be paid for? Insurance or other funding?	Currently 74 hospitalisations and 22 of these in intensive care. Due to the small number of daily positive cases this shows there is a reduced strain on medical facilities.
Additional details that could impact this assessment?	<p>Slovenia is currently listed as an amber country by the UK government</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england#:~:text=Anquilla%2C%20Antigua%20and%20Barbuda%2C%20Balealearic,green%20list%204am%2C%2030%20June.</p> <p>Slovenia is NOT listed as a higher risk country for the IOC/Japanese Government</p>
Event Details	
Details from Events management plan for COVID 19 – <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>UCI have released protocol for the organisation of MTB Events in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. These include recommended protocols and mandatory protocols.</p> <p>There is currently no information from the LOC regarding COVID protocols, however this has been requested from the LOC as at 29 June. The website states that “<i>updated information will follow due to health circumstances</i>”</p> <p>https://www.worldcup.si/</p> <p>https://www.uci.org/docs/default-source/medical/2020.08.21-protocol-return-comp-mtb-eng.pdf</p>

UCI Requirements	
Event organisation COVID-19 restrictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing • Gathering numbers • PPE 	Unknown at this stage
Are there medical supplies and PPE available at the destination? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face masks • Personal medical supplies • Sanitiser 	Given the low case numbers these should be readily available
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 for event
Managing suspected cases abroad? What is the plan if someone within the travelling group presents with COVID19 symptoms? <i>If a team environment</i>	Not a team environment
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"> • Slovenia overall has not had a huge number of daily cases, and since March have seen a constant reduction in case numbers with the current rate at 50-100. Hospitals are currently not under stress with only 74 cases in hospitals. • LOC have not produced a COVID plan yet which would need to be reviewed to allow confirmed entry into this event. However as a UCI sanctioned event they will be required to produce a COVID plan which meets the requirements as outlined by UCI. • All riders will be required to complete an <i>International Event Entry Application (IEEA)</i> prior to being entered into the event. This will be the riders safety plan for the event. 	

It is important to note:

- NZ government is still recommending not to travel. Leaving NZ carries increased risk.
- There will be no support personnel in Maribor from Cycling NZ
- 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 29 June, it is recommended that Cycling New Zealand allow **selection** to take place for the Maribor MTB World Cup event with entry into the event pending on the following requirements/restrictions:

- The Event provides a COVID plan which meets the UCI COVID standards and includes measures around social distancing, use of face masks and negative test results prior to being allowed onsite.
- 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.

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: 29 June 2021

REVIEWED

Confirmation has been received from Xavier Bigard 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. With this confirmation this event can be **approved** to green status.

It is important to note that all riders will still need to update their plans once the final COVID plan is received from the LOC to show that they understand the measures in place and that they will abide by them during the event

Name: Shanelle Barrett

Signature:



Date: 26 July 2021

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

Dear Shanelle,

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.

Best regards
Xavier

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FINAL DECISION BY CYCLING NEW ZEALAND

Recommendation above **APPROVED / DECLINED**

Name: Jacques Landry, Chief Executive Officer

Signature: 

Date: 26 July, 2021

Resources

<https://www.gov.si/en/topics/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/>

<https://www.worldcup.si/>

<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-nsos-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>