

International Travel Assessment Form

2021 BMX World Cup Turkey

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| Event Name | BMX World Cup - Turkey |
| Date of Event | 24-25 and 30-31 October |
| Location of Event including Country | Sakaraya, Turkey |
| Event Website | https://sakaryabike.com/bmx/organization |
| 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 split alert levels, 3 and 4 – for an unknown period of time</p> <p>New Zealanders are advised not to travel overseas at this time.</p> <p>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-arrivals-into-new-zealand/ • internationaltravel@sportnz.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/ • | <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. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>There are very limited MIQ spots available.</p> |
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As at 6 September — <https://allocation.miq.govt.nz/portal/>

Current accommodation availability

Due to the continuing community outbreak, the Government has decided to extend the temporary pause on the release and re-release of rooms for a short period of time. [Find out more information](#)

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| Significance/Importance of this travel? Olympic Qualifications etc.? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Turkey BMX Supercross World Cups are the final BMX World Cup in 2021 out of a planned 4 World Cups in the qualification process for 2021 BMX World Cups are an important development step towards the World Championships where our BMX 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 UCI ranking points do contribute to World Champs and Olympic targets. World Championships qualification is important to ensure we can perform on the World stage, meet High Performance and Development Targets. |
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Travel Information and Insurance

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| <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 Turkey. 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. 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> | <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>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> <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>https://www.visasturkey.com/travel-and-entry-restrictions/</p> <p>All incoming passengers over the age of 6 must complete a "Traveler Entry Form" at least four days before their arrival in Turkey. Children under 6 are exempt. The purpose of the form is to contact</p> |

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| | <p>individuals who have been in contact with someone who later tested positive for COVID-19.</p> <p>Passengers must have a document showing a negative COVID-19 test result to enter Turkey. Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCR test taken in the last 72 hours • Rapid antigen test taken in the last 48 hours <p>Fully vaccinated and recovered patients are exempt if they can provide either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccination certificate showing the last dose was given at least 14 days before arrival • Medical certificate showing recovery in the last 6 months <p>There are additional rules for those from high-risk countries</p> |
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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 the Cook Islands....[Read more](#)

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

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+ COVID-19

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.

The global situation remains complex and rapidly changing. International travel can be complicated with fewer international flights available and disruptions to transit routes and hubs. Any destination could experience a sudden increase in cases of COVID-19 and a heightened risk to travellers of

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<https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/turkey>

The security situation in the Middle East region is unpredictable and may become increasingly volatile.

Terrorism

Terrorists are likely to carry out further attacks in Turkey. Terrorist groups, including those based in Syria and Iraq as well as domestic-based extremists, such as TAK, PKK and DHKP/C, have conducted attacks in Turkey and continue to threaten further attacks.

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>

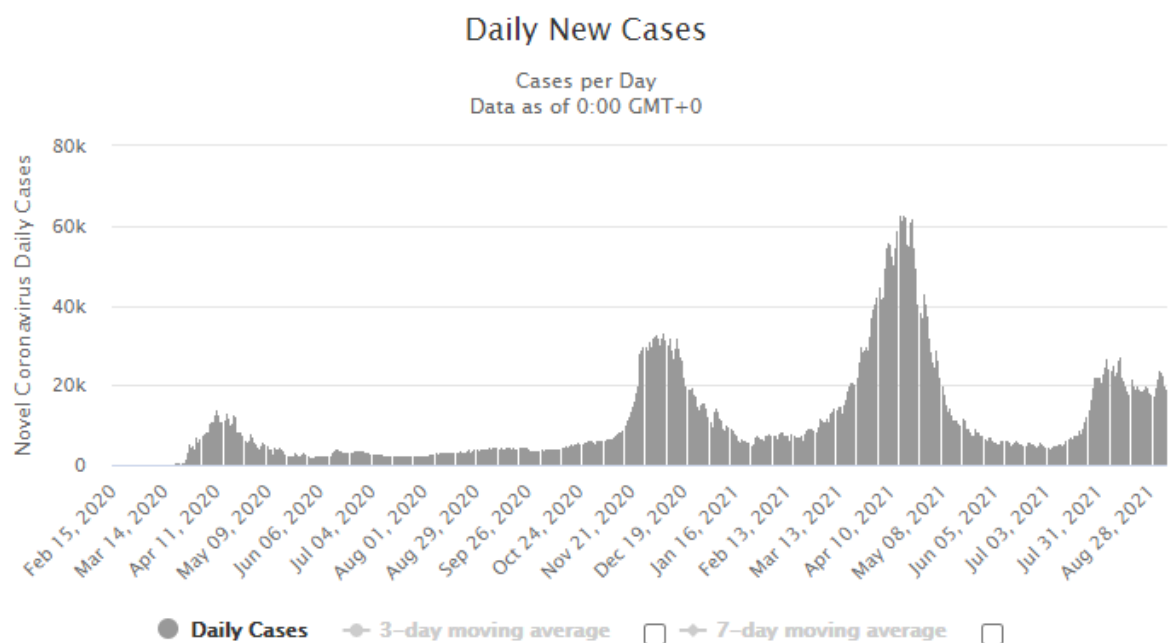
<https://www.who.int/countries>

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

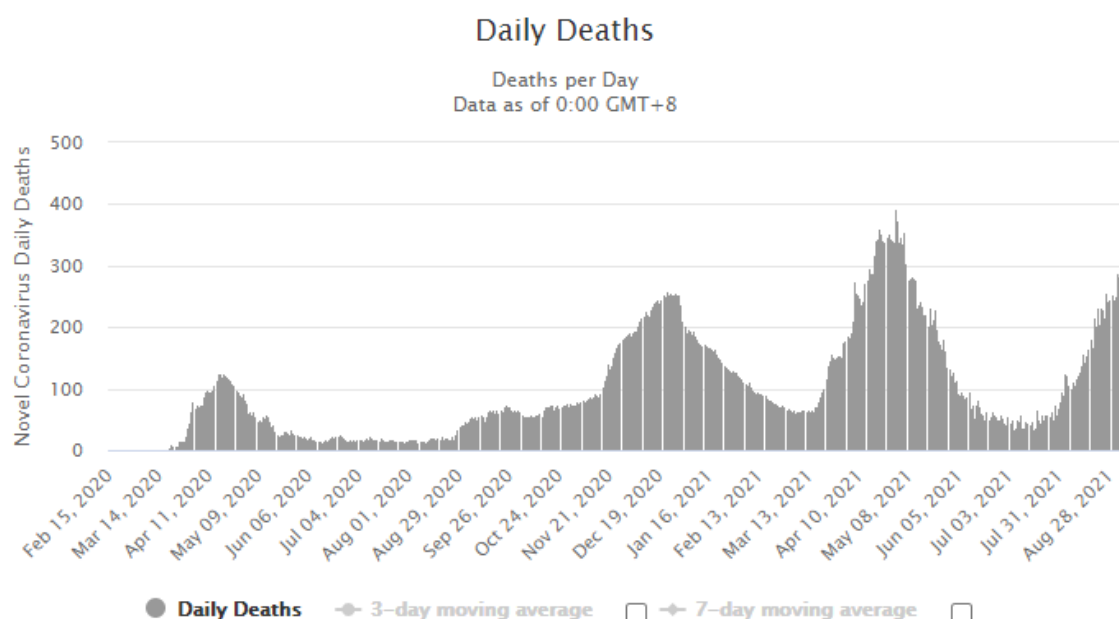
Turkey
Confirmed Cases – 6,498,054
Deaths – 58,106
Daily new cases – 20,000 per day

Turkey is going through a spike in cases at present with over 20,000 per day and 280-300 deaths per day. The death rate is almost at the same rate as when Turkey had its biggest spike back in April 2021.

Daily New Cases in Turkey



Daily New Deaths in Turkey



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?

Travelers arriving from countries considered high-risk, or who have been to high-risk countries in the last 14 days, are required to quarantine in Turkey:

- Bangladesh, Brazil, South Africa, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka quarantine for 14 days, test to release on day 14
- Afghanistan and Pakistan quarantine for 10 days, test to release on day 7

Quarantine is carried out at accommodation facilities determined by the Turkish government.

As mentioned above, PCR tests are carried out on a random sample of passengers on arrival. In case of a positive test result, they will be contacted and instructed to quarantine for 14 days.

Contract Tracing requirements

Unknown

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

On July 1, 2021, a national curfew was lifted. Businesses are now able to open during normal operating hours.


<https://www.visasturkey.com/travel-and-entry-restrictions/>

Additional information on current details is unknown

Internal movement restrictions at destination and transit locations. Public transport etc.

It is compulsory to wear a mask and keep social distance in public transportation. It is also compulsory for the teams that travel in their private vehicles provided by the official agency

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| | https://sakaryabike.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/covid-19.pdf |
| 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? | unknown |
| Additional details that could impact this assessment? | Turkey is listed as a red country for entry into the UK |
| 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? UCI Requirements | <p>The event have released their COVID protocols which can be found at the following link:</p> <p>https://sakaryabike.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/covid-19.pdf</p> <p>It does not include mandatory testing for people onsite, only recommended, but face masks should be worn.</p> <p><i>PCR or any kind of COVID-19 test is NOT compulsory but recommended for riders, national federation staff , UCI staff, media members, UCI commissaires, anti-doping team and timing staff.</i></p> |
| Event organisation COVID-19 restrictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing • Gathering numbers • PPE | <p>No restrictions on gathering numbers but bubbles will be created:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team • Media • UCI • TV <p>With the aim of reducing bubbles from mixing together.</p> |
| Are there medical supplies and PPE available at the destination? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face masks • Personal medical supplies • Sanitiser | Unknown |
| Testing Requirements at event | No requirements |
| Training facilities and plans | Will be as per individual plans |
| 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 |

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| | 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? | None required by event but will be required by Cycling NZ for the duration of the event. |
| Assessment Notes/Recommendations | |
| <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turkey is currently going through a third, sustained spike in cases with around 20,000-24,000 cases per day – which has been happening for over a month now. The death rate per day is also continuing to rise to close to levels of the April outbreak. Information from the Government and other websites was not easy to gather, which leaves some gaps in the ability to be able to fully assess the event. Including not being able to access the Ministry of Health for Turkey website - https://covid19.saglik.gov.tr/ The event is <u>not</u> requiring anyone to have a mandatory test prior to coming onsite, although there will be mask requirements and requirements around bubbles there is a higher chance of contracting COVID with potential COVID positive cases being able to access the event. MIQ to return to NZ is currently on hold and is becoming increasingly harder to access/gain a spot. <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 | |
| <p>As at 6 September it is recommended that Cycling New Zealand do <u>not</u> allow entry into the Turkey BMX World Cup due to the above reasons.</p> <p>Name: Shanelle Barrett</p> <p>Signature: </p> <p>Date 6 September 2021</p> | |
| FINAL DECISION BY CYCLING NEW ZEALAND | |

On the recommendation above travel is APPROVED / **DECLINED**

Name: Jacques Landry

Signature:

Date: 07/09/2021 Reviewed again with status unchanged on 06-10-2022

REVIEWED RECOMMENDATION TO CYCLING NEW ZEALAND

The situation in Turkey was reviewed on 1 October 2021. Based on the reasons for why it was declined previously, the following has been reviewed:

- Daily Case numbers – these have increased since the last assessment to be consistently between 27,000 – 30,000 cases per day.
- Daily death numbers have remained the same as the previous assessment around 200-300 per day
- There is no change to the events COVID plans. The event still is not requiring anyone to produce a negative test to enter the event, it is still only a recommendation.

Given there is no material change to the COVID plans nor has there been a decline in case numbers the recommendation remains that CNZ do not approve entry for this event

Resources

<https://www.visasturkey.com/travel-and-entry-restrictions/>

<https://sakaryabike.com/covid-19>

<https://sakaryabike.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/covid-19.pdf>

<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>