

International Travel Assessment Form

Snowshow MTB World Cup 2021

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Event Name	Showshoe MTB World Cup Final
Date of Event	14-19 September
Location of Event including Country	Showshoe, USA
Event Website	https://www.snowshoemtn.com/discover-snowshoe/uci-world-cup-participant-information
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 changing constantly, with the bubble currently suspended as at 23 July. This will be reviewed in September.</p> <p>This highlights how quickly situations can change.</p>
<p>Return to New Zealand requirements and costs and who will be funding?</p> <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/ 	<p>All travellers to New Zealand (excluding those from Antarctica and most Pacific Islands) must show evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result before departure, this now includes Australia.</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,

[departure-testing-for-arrivals-into-new-zealand/what-to-do-before-you-travel-pre-departure-testing/](#)

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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 November 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 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.

As at 28 July — <https://allocation.miq.govt.nz/portal/>

Current accommodation availability

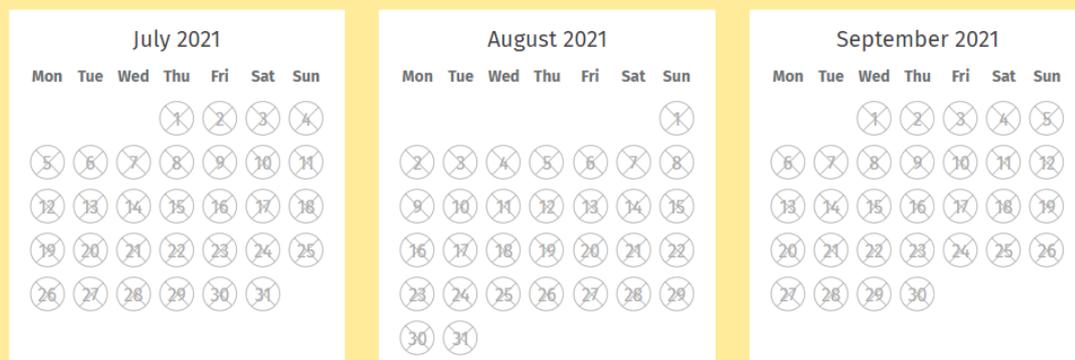
Vouchers for MIQ are gradually released in batches over several weeks and months.

There are still more rooms to be released for September, October and November. Keep checking the system for available dates.

Vouchers for December will be released once airlines have confirmed their schedules.

NOTE: At any one time there are hundreds of users online trying to secure a date.

For the best chance of securing a voucher, please log in, complete all your details (these will be saved), and **look for dates on the calendar in STEP 2b.**



Significance/Importance of this travel? Olympic Qualifications etc.?

- The Snowshoe MTB World Cup is the final MTB bike World Cup in 2021 out of a planned 8 World Cups in the qualification process for 2021
- 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 XCO and DHI, so the XCO points do 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.
- Some of our riders have been lucky enough to be able to join a UCI registered MTB Teams however, we still have a few who have not and may require NF entries

Travel Information and Insurance

In-flight requirements of airline and/or government (e.g., face masks, physical distancing, sanitation etc.)

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.

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.

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

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.

<https://www.airnewzealand.co.nz/covid19#care>

Other airlines will need to be reviewed depending on airlines available to travel to USA and also the departure country of the person. Travellers 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

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

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.

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.

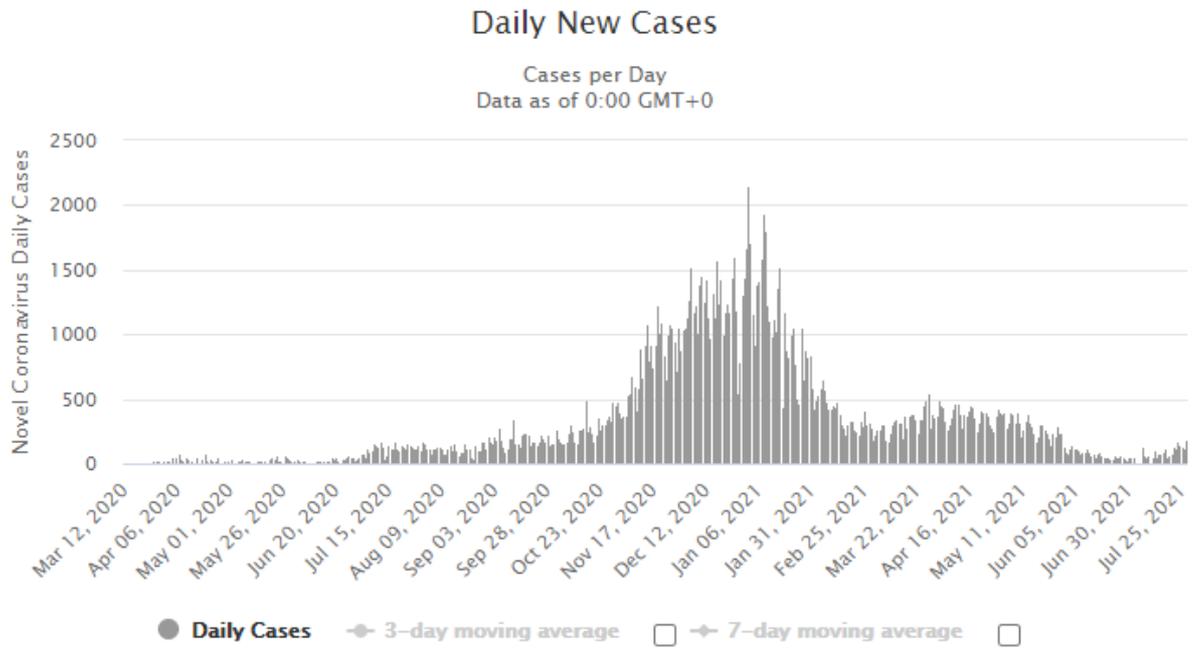
Chubb considers COVID-19 to be a “foreseen circumstance” for policies that are issued and/or travel arrangements under an existing policy that are paid for after the following dates for travel to, from or within the following areas:

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.

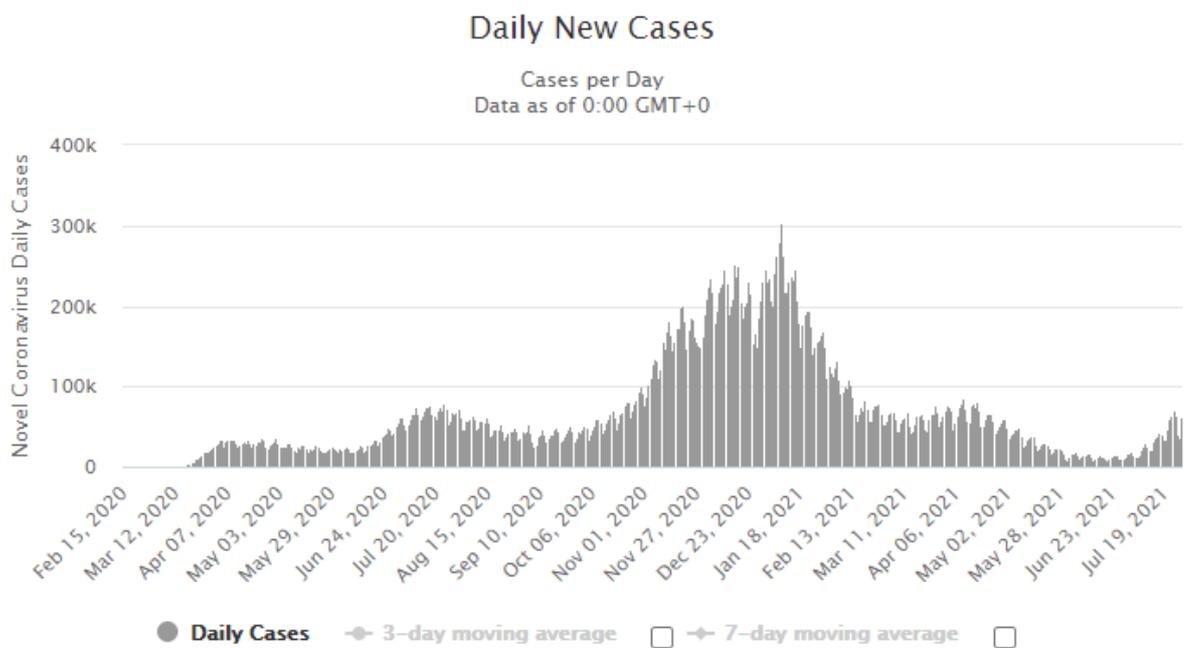
Therefore, where a policy was issued and/or travel arrangements are paid for after the above dates, COVID-19 is considered a “foreseen circumstance” and as such claims for trip cancellation or disruption are unlikely to be covered by the policy. As such, please ensure that you or your client consider this prior to making any travel arrangements or purchasing a policy.

<p>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.info-coronavirus.be/en/travels/</p> <p>The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will require all air passengers to present a negative COVID-19 test result before entering the United States.</p> <p>Air passengers will be required to get a viral test within the three days before their flight departs to the United States and provide written documentation of their laboratory test to the airline.</p> <p>Airlines must confirm the negative test result for all passengers or documentation of recovery before they board.</p> <p>If a passenger does not provide documentation of a negative test or recovery, or chooses not to take a test, the airline must deny boarding to the passenger.</p> <p>Mandatory Mask Requirement All travelers shall be required to comply with recommended CDC guidelines and wear masks in airports, commercial aircraft, trains, public maritime vessels, intercity bus services, and other modes of public transportation.</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-planner/index.html</p>
<p>COVID Information at Destination and transit locations</p>	
<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.worldometer.info/coronavirus</p> <p>https://www.who.int/countries</p> <p>https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/travel-advisories-destination</p>	<p>USA Confirmed Cases – 35,353,923 Deaths – 627,351 Daily cases – 30,000-70-,000</p> <p>West Virginia Confirmed cases - 166,297 Deaths - 2,936 Daily cases – 100-200</p> <p>https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>USA has had the highest number of cases for COVID, however West Virginia is a state that has a lower number of cases.</p>

Daily New Cases in West Virginia



Daily New Cases in the United States



See also: [Daily Deaths Graph](#)

<p>MIQ requirements at destination – Key point here is ‘which country are you coming from’ and entering which country</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which country are they travelling from and entering which country • Number of days? 	<p>Travelers are not required to self-quarantine or be quarantined under legal order. However, individuals arriving in West Virginia from other states or countries, including returning West Virginia residents, are strongly encouraged to follow the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources’ Guidance for Vacation Travel.</p> <p>https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/Documents/COVID-19%20Guidance%20--%20Vacation%20Travel%206-19-20.pdf</p>
<p>Contract Tracing requirements</p>	<p>https://coronalert.be/en/</p>
<p>Public gathering restrictions and stay-at-home requirements at the destination</p>	<p>There are no public gathering restrictions.</p> <p>On Sunday, June 20, 2021, Gov. Justice announced that he has signed an executive order, officially lifting West Virginia’s Statewide Indoor Face Covering Requirement for all residents, regardless of vaccination status. Face coverings must still be worn where required by federal law. Additionally, any private business or school system can still require individuals to wear a face covering.</p>
<p>Internal movement restrictions at destination and transit locations. Public transport etc.</p>	<p>No restrictions, however some public transport may require you to wear a mask</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>There are currently 141 people in hospital which indicates that hospitals are not at capacity.</p>
<p>Additional details that could impact this assessment?</p>	<p>USA 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=Anguilla%2C%20Antigua%20and%20Barbuda%2C%20Balealearic,green%20list%204am%2C%2030%20June.</p>
<p>Event Details</p>	
<p>Details from Events management plan for COVID 19 –</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 	<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. https://www.uci.org/docs/default-source/medical/2020.08.21-protocol-return-comp-mtb-eng.pdf</p> <p>There is currently no information from the LOC regarding COVID protocols, 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>COVID at the event venue?</p> <p>UCI Requirements</p>	<p>Snowshoe mountain do have their own protocols for COVID19 which include social distancing, face coverings, restrictions on numbers and staying home if you are sick.</p> <p>https://www.snowshoemtn.com/discover-snowshoe/safety-and-responsibility/covid-19</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>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>
<p>Testing Requirements at event</p>	<p>Unknown at this stage however the UCI do recommend that COVID testing and health checks are carried out by riders prior to arriving onsite.</p>
<p>Training facilities</p>	<p>Unknown at this stage</p>
<p>Medical</p>	
<p>Athlete health prior to travel</p>	<p>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</p>

	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
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

Key Points:

- USA has seen the highest case numbers of COVID19 globally and this is not changing. There has been a decline in numbers over the last month.
- As a state West Virginia has seen much lower case numbers than other states such as California and the daily case numbers are only 100-200.
- The event is located in the mountains, which is more remote and also Snowshoe have their own protocols that they already have in place which includes restricting numbers of people on the mountain, mask wearing etc.
- LOC have not produced a 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 an *International Event Entry Application (IEEA)* 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.
- 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 need to quarantine 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

Given the relatively low daily cases numbers currently in West Virginia and the Medical Director ensuring the event will meet the COVID protocols set by the UCI it is recommended that entry can be accepted for this event.

It is however important to note that the USA is the highest case numbers globally and their situation changes regularly with little regulations in place.

Key requirements:

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 COVID19 rules.

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Signature:

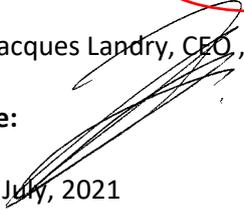


Date: 28 July 2021

FINAL DECISION BY CYCLING NEW ZEALAND

Recommendation above **APPROVED** / DECLINED

Name: Jacques Landry, CEO, Cycling New Zealand

Signature: 

Date: 29 July, 2021

Resources

<https://www.snowshoemtn.com/discover-snowshoe/uci-world-cup-participant-information>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-planner/index.html>

<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>