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# 2022 COVID (C19) POLICY

## Residential Programmes<sup>1</sup>

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### Introduction

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The Hurricanes Youth Rugby Council Inc. (“the Council”) must plan for and be prepared for the various scenarios that may impact a residential programme and the individuals participating. This includes minimising the risk on participants and setting out the response to potential situations that may arise.

This policy will help guide the Council’s Executive Board when arranging programmes and informing the relevant participants/caregivers with information so they can make informed decisions and be prepared for all scenarios.

### Policy Statements

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#### 1. C19 Return to Play

Participants that contract C19 prior to a residential programme should complete their 7-day isolation and then:

- a) complete a 14 day return to play phase where training/match intensity and load is considered and managed based on the individual case;
- b) medical clearance is encouraged before returning to training;
- c) where a participant tests positive within 14 days of departing for a residential programme, the relevant Provincial Union must:
  - assess the individual situation with support of relevant medical experts;
  - make decisions on inclusion and/or set appropriate playing expectations based on the advice of those experts

#### 2. C19 Testing

To minimise risk and support the alleviation of the impact of C19, all participants and team staff will be required to complete RAT testing:

- a) individual testing to be completed, (under Provincial Union supervision):
  - no later than 48 hours prior to the team departing for the programme.

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to Appendix 1 for the Council’s policy relating to Council sanctioned fixtures.



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### 3. Minimising C19 At A Residential Programme

As the risk of C19 contraction remains high in the community, the Council must do what it can to minimise risks and be prepared for the situations that may arise.

- a) All participants (unless they have an exemption) must bring a suitable face mask and abide by the mask wearing rules of indoor public places, whilst on public transport, and those set out by the accommodation staff. Masks will not be supplied, and this is an individual responsibility.
- b) On Day 2 of the Residential Programme, the appointed Provincial Union Team Manager must confirm to the Competition/Camp/Tournament Administrator that no participant who is a member of the Provincial Team is showing (or has reported) C19 symptoms since arriving at the Competition/Camp/Tournament.
- c) In the event that a participant does show or self-reports C19 symptoms the Provincial Union Team Manager will arrange for a RAT test to be conducted.

### 4. Managing C19 At The Residential Programme

If a participant tests positive for C19 whilst away they must:

- d) exit the team environment and accommodation as soon as practical (<24hrs) and commence their 7-day isolation period;
- e) in terms of the above, all expenses relating to C19 isolation (travel, accommodation etc.), are the responsibility of the participant. Whilst Provincial Union Team Management will support where possible (or required), the logistical requirements relating to C19 isolation will be the responsibility of the participant's caregiver/parent/guardian;
- f) if there is a change in Traffic Light level or isolation rules while a residential programme is underway, the Council will follow Government advice and consult immediately with New Zealand Rugby and communicate accordingly.

### Policy Implementation

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The implementation and review of this policy is the responsibility of the Council's Executive Board. The Council, with the support of member Provincial Unions, will be responsible for communicating this Policy to all relevant participants and caregivers at an appropriate time in advance of the relevant residential programme.

### Related Policies

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The following external policies should be referred to:

- <https://covid19.govt.nz/isolation-and-care/if-you-have-covid-19/if-you-get-covid-19-while-travelling/>
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## APPENDIX 1 – FIXTURE PROTOCOL

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All Council sanctioned fixtures are "Outdoor Community Gatherings<sup>2</sup>".

Where a fixture is being played (outdoors) at the "orange setting":

- a. there is no limit in terms of the number of people who can be in attendance;
- b. those in attendance do not need to wear a face mask, (but it is encouraged);
- c. workers and volunteers at fixtures must wear face masks, (unless exempt).

In terms of point c., team coaches, managers and match officials are all excluded from this requirement, (irrespective of any exemption).

Where fixtures are followed by a function for teams (at a venue approved by the Council for this purpose), all attendees to the function must comply with the requirements of the venue.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.business.govt.nz/covid-19/covid-19-protection-framework/events/>

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