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# Fencing Institute Covid 19 Response Plan Under Level 2

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## Update

As of Friday 12pm 29 May, Sport New Zealand Covid-19 Alert Level 2 guidelines have been updated following the government announcement of allowing gatherings of up to 100.

Gatherings of up to 100 are now allowed subject to contact tracing and hygiene measures. There are no physical distancing requirements for a group up to 100. Physical distancing of 2 metres should, however, be maintained wherever possible, especially from people that you don't know. It is recognised that contact during physical activity will occur but this should be minimised as much as possible, especially off the field of play.

## Introduction

Sport New Zealand Covid-19 Alert Level 2 guidelines allow for sports, such as fencing, to resume if they are compliant with public health measures. This means that sports can only resume where good contact tracing is possible and hygiene measures, particularly washing and drying of hands and regular sanitising of equipment and surfaces, are in place.

The maximum gathering is 100 people within an indoor facility for all community sport. Therefore, all fencing clubs are required to restrict their attendees including fencers, spectators, coaches and officials to 100 persons at any one time. Everyone must adhere to these requirements or they could forfeit their membership. We do not want to start a cluster from the Fencing Institute and put others at risk.

This plan outlines how the Fencing Institute will comply with those measures. Some measures may be relaxed by the government over time and this plan will be updated. This is the second edition of the plan and it may have to be revised when improvements can be seen.

## Health

If you are unwell or even have a slightly tickly throat do not come to the Fencing Institute. If you or a close contact are awaiting a Covid 19 test or awaiting a test result, please do not come to the Fencing Institute. We will have a sign at the door outlining our requirements. (See attached as Appendix 1)

## Contact Tracing

All people entering and exiting the Fencing Institute must register using the government's Covid tracing QR code contactless system. The Fencing Institute also has a QR code system for entering for our own counting and health and safety purposes (See attached as Appendix 2).



Anyone wishing to enter the Fencing Institute must use a smart phone to read the QR code. Wifi is now connected which can be used if necessary. An iPhone can use the camera function which will open up a Google Form. For all other phones people must already have downloaded a QR scanner app. Club members will only be required to submit their names as we already hold members' contact details. These will be checked to see if they are accurate and up to date. Non club members will be required to submit their name and phone number at least for their first entry. The form will generate your name along with a date and time stamp of when you arrive at the Fencing Institute. This information will be given to the Ministry of Health and/or the Canterbury District Health Board on request if it is required for contact tracing purposes. We will not use people's names for any other purpose and will destroy details after two months. It will be kept on the Fencing Institute administrator's computer.

## Hygiene

Hand sanitiser will be available at the door when people enter. There are also bathrooms with hot water, soap and hand towels. Hands must be washed before leaving the building.

Bathrooms will be cleaned regularly and all surfaces will be wiped down. This includes spoons, remotes, benches and door handles.

To reduce surface areas, the kitchen will be closed. Eating will not be permitted anywhere within the building.

Fencers must bring their own named water bottles with water. They cannot access the kitchen to use glasses or cups.

No gear should be shared particularly gloves and masks.

Fencing bags may be left at the Fencing Institute but clothing and masks should be taken home and washed/dried.

## Maximum Number within the Building

The maximum number of people allowed within the building at any one time is now 100. This includes fencers, spectators, coaches and officials. This means that bookings that were required under Alert Level 3, are not now required and club nights and class times will revert back to normal times.



## Private Lessons

Outside of club nights private lessons between a coach and a pupil may take place. The coach is responsible for checking fencers in and ensuring that all the requirements in this plan are adhered to.

## Group Lessons

Group lessons may take place in their original time. The coach is responsible for checking fencers in and ensuring that all the requirements are adhered to. This includes cleaning all surfaces, equipment and ensuring all loan equipment washed and back for the next day.

## Loaned Equipment

Some fencers that attend a private lesson and group lessons will be loaning equipment that is based at the Fencing Institute. All clothing must be taken away and washed and masks sprayed and wiped with the sanitiser provided and left to dry overnight. Equipment used by one fencer cannot be used the same day by another fencer.

## Fencing Calendar

All National tournaments have been cancelled for the foreseeable future. Regional, local and our own club competitions may continue if they are under 100 people.

## Club Safety Rules and Code of Conduct

Please refamiliarize yourself with the club's safety rules. They can be found on our website [here](#).

Please note that security cameras have been installed. Notices will be in place and clearly visible.

## Questions

If you have any questions or suggestions on how the smooth operation of the Fencing Institute could be improved during this time please contact a member of the committee.



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Appendix 1

## Level 2 Covid 19 Requirements

1. If you are unwell – do not come in.
2. Only 100 people at any one time are allowed inside.
3. Sanitise your hands at the door when you arrive at the Fencing Institute.
4. Scan the QR code.
5. Only 2 people at one time allowed in the bag room.
6. Changing rooms must be used for taking gear on and off.
7. Do not use or share other people's clothing or gear especially masks and gloves.
8. Keep 2 metres apart when off the piste.
9. Sneeze into your arm or tissue. Put the tissue in the bin.
10. Do not touch your face.
11. Wash your hands before you leave the Fencing Institute.

We hope you enjoy your fencing.

# Entry Sign In

