

Nature Photography Society of New Zealand COVID-19 Policy

Version 1.3

Version 1.3 was approved by the Nature Photography Society of New Zealand (Society) Management Committee on the 01/08/2022 for Society activities commencing after 01/08/2022 11:59PM.

A review of this policy will be an agenda item at each Management Committee meeting.

This policy will be published on or linked to on:

- Each Society activity (meeting, workshop, trip) page on the Society's web site
- The Society's members Facebook page
- The back table at Society meetings
- The end of each newsletter
- Correspondence with suppliers
- Correspondence with guest speakers

BACKGROUND

On December the 2nd 2021 the Government introduced the COVID-19 Protection Framework also known as the Traffic Light System. They also rolled out the COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate (Vaccine Pass). The Society is obligated to run their activities within the Framework.

The Framework is regularly updated by the Government and this policy is subsequently updated. This version takes into account the changes that occurred on the 25th of March and 4th of April 2022.

To meet (or exceed) our obligations, the following restrictions will be adhered to while engaging in Society activities:

ALL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

The QR Sign In and Vaccine Pass are no longer required for Society activities. The Society's committee still strongly suggests that keeping up to date with your COVID-19 vaccinations will help protect society members at meetings and on field trips.

Where this policy is more stringent than a guest speaker's policy, the Society's policy will prevail.

Where this policy is more stringent than a supplier's policy this policy will prevail. The supplier will apply the policy for all attendees whether they are club members or not. Variations may be suggested by the supplier and agreed to by the committee on a case by case basis.

Where this policy is less stringent than a supplier or guest speaker's policy, the supplier or guest speaker's policy will prevail.

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OUTDOOR DAY TRIPS

There are no longer any limits or requirements for outdoor day trips at any of the Framework (Traffic Light) settings. Mask wearing when in close proximity to each other should be considered but is not mandatory.

MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS AND OTHER TRIPS

Red Setting

Physical in-person monthly meetings will not take place while at the **Red** setting.

When at a **Red** setting, the Management Committee will make best endeavours to arrange virtual monthly meetings.

The Management Committee will assess all other society activities on a case-by-case basis at Management Committee meetings and make a decision as to it going ahead or not. This decision will be made depending on the amount of COVID cases and transmission in the community where the activity is being conducted and on Government requirements at the time.

Orange and Green Setting

The Management Committee will also pursue the ability to stream physical monthly meetings at **Orange** and **Green** settings.

	Orange	Green
Mask Wearing	Encouraged	Not Required
At Least 1m Social Distancing Per Attendee In Meeting Venues	Not Required	Not Required
Attendee Limit	No limit	No Limit

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Regardless of the above restrictions, if an attendee meets any of the following criteria, they should not participate in any Society activity:

- Have recent flu like symptoms such as:
 - Worsening cough
 - Sneezing and runny nose
 - Sore throat
 - Shortness of breath
 - Loss of smell
 - Fever

- In the last 14 days
 - Arrived in New Zealand from overseas
 - Had contact with a confirmed or probable COVID case
 - Visited an isolation or quarantine facility
 - Suspected of having COVID-19
 - Tested positive for COVID-19

- Live with anybody in the above categories