



EIT Institute of Sport & Health COVID-19 Vaccination Policy (24 November 2021)

Our mission is to help all New Zealanders live longer and healthier lives, through the provision of world-class sport and health facilities, services, research, and education. The ongoing health of everyone in our community - our staff, members, patients, customers, and school kids - remains our highest priority.

Vaccination is our best defence against the most serious risks of COVID-19 and an important step in getting back to normal life. Based on the New Zealand Government's latest advice and the proposed COVID-19 Protection Framework, the Hawke's Bay Community Fitness Centre Trust (HBCFCT) will require all visitors to the EIT Institute of Sport & Health to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. All visitors must hold a valid vaccination certificate – either on their smart phone or a printed copy - from Friday 3 December 2021. This includes all members of the Royston Health & Fitness Centre. [Click here](#) to request your 'Vaccine Pass' from the government website.

We acknowledge some members have opted not to be vaccinated, or have a legitimate reason why they cannot - and we respect everyone's right to choose. If you choose not to be vaccinated, we are offering a complimentary six month membership freeze. This will give you more time to make an informed decision in the future, while not losing your membership status.

We also acknowledge that the Government mandates, legislation, and the COVID-19 Protection Framework will continue to evolve as we navigate living with COVID-19. Therefore, our policy will not answer every possible scenario, and if the Government advice changes, we expect our policy will as well. Thank you for your patience as we move towards operating under the new Framework.

The above policy does not apply to children under 12 years and to those who have a temporary health medical exemption from the vaccine.

Thank you for your understanding, patience, and support.

The Hawke's Bay Community Fitness Centre Trust team

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I am a member of the Royston Health & Fitness Centre, do I need a vaccine pass?

Yes you will need a vaccine pass while we are in either the Orange or Red settings. [Click here](#) to request your vaccine pass from the government website.

What do I do with my vaccine pass?

Please present your vaccine pass - either on your smart phone, or a printed copy - to reception or to one of the Trust staff.

With your consent, we will record that your vaccine pass has been scanned and you will be able to enter the gym as normal.

Do I have to show you my vaccine pass on every visit to the gym?

That depends:

- No, not if you consent to us recording your vaccine status on our computer system. Once we have recorded your status, the scanner will 'remember' you and you'll be able to access the gym as normal
- Yes, you will have to scan in every visit if you do NOT consent to us recording your vaccine status
- If you are entering the Institute for any other reason, such as to visit the 13th Stag or the Sport & Health Clinic, you will need to scan your vaccine pass at reception with each visit

I have chosen not be vaccinated. What are my options?

We acknowledge some members have opted not to be vaccinated, or have a legitimate reason why they cannot. We respect everyone's right to choose.

If you choose not to be vaccinated, we are offering a complimentary six month membership freeze. This will give you more time to make an informed decision in the future, while not losing your current membership status. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

You will not be able to attend the Royston Health & Fitness Centre, the 13th Stag Cafe, the Sport & Health Clinic, or any other service at the Institute until you have a current vaccine pass.

Why are you not allowing non-vaccinated people into the Institute?

1. Vaccination is our best defence against the most serious risks of COVID-19 and an important step in getting back to normal life
2. The vaccination will help protect our community - our members, staff, patients, and children from COVID-19
3. Using Vaccine Certificates will allow the Institute to operate as normal as possible while respecting the government mandate

Are there any exceptions?

Children under 12 are not required to show a vaccination pass.

If you have a temporary medical exemption, you will see a record of this in [My Covid Record](#) and you will be able to request your vaccine pass from Saturday 4 December.

When your vaccine pass is scanned, your exemption status will not be disclosed to us. You will be able to gain access to the Institute like everyone else.