

**Camp Columba Covid19 Risk Protection
Holiday Camps**



November 2021

As you will be aware the Covid 19 pandemic has disrupted all aspects of our lives over the past two years. With the Delta variant slowly moving its way down the country, the government has taken increasingly strict measures to reduce its spread and impact, including mandating vaccination for many sectors. Recently the government announced the release of the new traffic light system on December 3rd.

Unfortunately, within the traffic light system Camp Columba's Holiday Camps and Programmes cannot operate unless staff and volunteers are fully vaccinated. Our guidance from the Ministry of Social Development states that, "Vaccine passes for participants is prohibited for all OSCAR services." Therefore, campers will not be required to be vaccinated.

Camp Columba wishes to continue our ministry in this climate and therefore will be implementing a Covid Vaccine Certificate (CVC) Policy which will be reviewed every 3 months and updated to meet current governmental orders.

Columba Ministry Camps/Programmes
Operating as normal with CVC's
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Cancelled/postponed – due to impracticality of social distancing
Based on documentation published; Nov 2021
Refer to NZ Covid-19 Protection Framework for more information

In addition to vaccination all Board members, staff, leaders and volunteers shall follow the regulations and guidelines set out by the Ministry of Health for mitigating the risk of Covid – 19 transmission including scanning, sanitation, mask wearing and social distancing.

Under the current traffic light framework, without the use of Vaccination Certificates Columba would be forced to cancel all holiday camps. This is due to the impracticality of requiring campers to social distance.

We do understand that this is a sensitive matter and that many within the community differ in their views about the effectiveness of vaccines and the propriety of a government forcing its citizens to receive medical treatments. However, given the importance of Camp Columba's ministries to the wider community, we do not see an alternative to following this mandate as long as it applies to us.

We also understand that the majority of our leaders still live at home with their parents/ caregivers and that because of this you will be following the advice given by your parents/caregivers as to whether or not you should have the vaccine. As a camp we encourage you to respect, honour and follow your parents/caregivers guidance and wishes around this, whether they are for or against the vaccine. In Ephesians 6:1-3 this is repeated where it says "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honour your Father and Mother – which is the first commandment with a promise.

So that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth'. Furthermore, in Colossians 3:20 it says "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord". As a camp we in no way want to put any pressure onto anyone to receive the vaccine nor do we want to coerce anyone into receiving the vaccine. We do not want to create a vaccinated vs unvaccinated/ a 'them and us' mentality amongst any of our leaders, volunteers or their families/ friends. In 1 Peter 4:8 it says, "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins" As a Camp we want to make it clear that we love, appreciate and respect each and every one of you, regardless of your stance on the vaccination.

Keeping the Columba Community together

Our team is preparing and investigating alternative options for our valued leaders and volunteers who choose not to be vaccinated to be still involved with camp and Christian camping as a whole. This may take the shape of regular gatherings and events when the traffic light system allows. We are also looking into the possibility of brand-new programmes and events.

Ultimately it is our hope that this Framework will be short lived and that we will be able to bring our community back together in the near future.

Personal vaccination information

Going forward Camp will need to collect and hold certain personal information regarding the vaccination status of our staff, leaders and volunteers. We will need to obtain your consent to hold this information.

Next Steps

Please fill out the attached vaccination status record form and return it to Levi at Camp Columba. Whether you are vaccinated or not please complete this form as it helps us to plan for the future. This information will be kept confidential between you and Camp Columba.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us on 03 205 3702, messaging our Facebook page, messaging Levi & Willy on messenger/snapchat or calling/texting Levi on 0277223717. We are also very opening to meeting in person with you, if you do wish to do this you are entitled to bring a support person/other volunteers and leaders with you.

We would like to reiterate that these measures are for a time and by no mean permanent. Please seek out opportunities to stay connected as our amazing Columba community and reach out to us if you need support.

Please prayerfully consider this information, and we welcome your feedback.

Kind regards,

Levi Goodall

Ministry Coordinator

COVID-19 Vaccination Status Record

Employees & Volunteers



Name:	Mobile Number:		
Date of Birth:	Email Address:		
Vaccination status	1 Dose of Vaccine <input type="checkbox"/>	Fully vaccinated <input type="checkbox"/>	Unvaccinated <input type="checkbox"/>
If Vaccinated, the names and dates of vaccinations received.	Vaccination Type: Date Received: ____/____/____.	Vaccination Type: Date Received: ____/____/____.	
Exempt; <input type="checkbox"/>			
Please supply confirmation of exemption and a copy of the exemption authorisation.			
Signed: _____.			
Date: ____/____/____.			
Email the completed form to;			
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