



# FRANKLIN GYMSPORTS COVID-19 SAFETY

## Information for our Gymsports Community - Vaccine Policy and Safety Plan

The aim of the [Franklin Gymsports COVID-19 Vaccine Policy](#) is to assure our gymsports community that our staff, your tamariki / children and rangitahi / young people will be as safe as possible when accessing our facility.

To comply with our health and safety obligations, reduce the risk of exposure and transmission of COVID-19, and operate safely at all levels of the [COVID-19 Protection Framework](#), we will be requiring all people accessing our facility over the age of 12 years and 3 months to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to entering our facility and activities.

### What else Franklin Gymsports is doing to protect people

While the vaccination policy will be a critical tool in minimising risks associated with COVID-19, we will also maintain a range of appropriate and complementary measures in our facilities / activities. These are outlined in Franklin Gymsports' [COVID-19 safety plan](#) that is currently in place, and include measures such as physical distancing, contact tracing, mask wearing when appropriate, intensive hand hygiene and health monitoring. We will continue to monitor the situation and introduce new measures as and when appropriate.

### Other conditions of entry – health questions and unwellness

In addition, Franklin Gymsports require compliance with the following Conditions of Entry and COVID-19 health questions.

#### Conditions of Entry:

- Stay home if unwell
- You must have produced evidence that you are fully vaccinated to gain access to our [facility/activities]
- You must wear a mask at all times except when being active
- Wash or sanitise hands before entering the facility/activities and when moving through different areas
- For visitors/volunteers/Parents/Caregivers you must scan your QR code every time you enter facility or at activities
- For members you must sign in via reception – our receptionist will sign you in on our client management system – Friendly Manager
- You must abide by any distancing requirements that apply e.g. 1m at Red level

#### COVID-19 Health questions:

- You do not have any symptoms associated with COVID-19 (e.g. fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, sneezing/runny nose or loss of sense of smell)
- You are fully vaccinated against COVID-19
- You do not have COVID-19 nor are you awaiting the results from being tested for COVID-19
- You have not been in contact with any known or suspected cases of COVID-19 in the past 14 days

\*Please note this document contains links to additional relevant information including the Vaccine Policy, Safety Plan and Government Guidance. If you cannot access these links, please see our website [www.franklingymsports.co.nz](http://www.franklingymsports.co.nz) or request the additional information by emailing [office@franklingymsports.co.nz](mailto:office@franklingymsports.co.nz).

# FAQs

## VACCINATION

### **Will Franklin Gymsports require people to be vaccinated against COVID-19?**

Yes, from the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 we will require all people to provide proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 prior to entering our facility and activities.

### **Who does the Franklin Gymsports COVID-19 Vaccination policy apply to?**

- Employees (coaches, office staff), volunteer coaches/supporters, contractors, and tradespeople
- Anyone wanting to enter/access Franklin Gymsports facility and activities – including gymnastics participants over the age of 12 years and 3 months, gymnastics officials (judges etc), and caregivers

### **Why has this policy been implemented?**

The Government introduced the [COVID-19 Protection Framework](#) which is in effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021. It adopts a 3-level 'traffic-light' approach to managing COVID-19 and involve the use of vaccine certificates - [My Vaccine Pass](#).

Franklin Gymsports is classified as a [Gyms and Indoor Recreation facility](#) and cannot operate in Red Level without requiring vaccine certificates.

### **What evidence of vaccination will Franklin Gymsports require?**

Digital or hard copies of your Vaccine Passport. These must be scanned on entry to the premise.

### **How will Franklin Gymsports record that I am vaccinated against COVID-19?**

For members, our Client Management system, Friendly Manager, has been developed to include Vaccination Passports. You can log in to your/your child's member profile via our website and upload yours, or Franklin Gymsports staff can upload it for you. This will be checked on entry to our facility. For all other visitors to our facility, your vaccine passport will have to be scanned prior to entry.

### **What information will Franklin Gymsports hold about my vaccination record?**

We will collect and maintain details of your vaccination status for the purposes of our health and safety management planning, and for implementing this policy. We will hold this information in accordance with [the Privacy Act](#).

### **What if I have an approved exemption to being vaccinated?**

Our aim is to not discriminate against people in these situations. Please discuss with us directly so we can best ensure your safety, and the safety of our staff.

### **What if I don't want to be vaccinated right now?**

If you do not wish to be vaccinated against COVID-19, you don't have to give up your Franklin Gymsports membership. We can put you on Special COVID-19 Pause for up to 3 months. Please email [office@franklingymsports.co.nz](mailto:office@franklingymsports.co.nz) if you'd like to take up this option. If you want to cancel your membership as a result of your choice to not be vaccinated against COVID-19, please contact us at [office@franklingymsports.co.nz](mailto:office@franklingymsports.co.nz).

### **Does Franklin Gymsports support people getting vaccinated?**

Yes, we support the Government's vaccination programme to protect yourself, your whānau and our community. This is because the vaccine is currently the best possible tool we have to ensure our

facilities and activities can continue to operate safely. If you're looking for how to book your vaccination, [BookMyVaccine](#) is the place to start.

### **Does Franklin Gymsports require its workers to be vaccinated?**

Yes. To ensure we can comply with our health and safety obligations, as well as ensuring we can operate at all levels of the COVID-19 Protection Framework, Franklin Gymsports has implemented a vaccination certificate entry requirement for workers as well.

## **COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY MITIGATIONS**

### **What safety protocols and guidelines does Franklin Gymsports follow?**

We are following the [guidelines](#) for keeping people safe at all times, which have been developed by Sport New Zealand using the Ministry of Health's protocols.

### **What specifically will Franklin Gymsports do to keep me safe?**

Everything we can. We have in place extensive processes and protocols to mitigate risks with the aim of looking after you, including some or all of the following, subject to alert levels at given times:

- Anyone entering the facility will be required to sanitise their hands on entry
- At least 15 minutes between class groups finishing and starting
- Sanitisation stations
- Sanitising equipment between rotations with the exception to Beams and Bars due to the damage sanitiser causes to these equipment items.
- Sanitisation of gymnasts hands before using equipment, and between rotations
- Cleaning all equipment between session times
- Bringing gymnasts own equipment where appropriate
- COVID-19 Conditions of Entry to the facility
- COVID-19 area-specific signage
- Coaches and office staff will wear masks at all times when interacting with gymnasts and will sanitise regularly
- Gymnasts over the age of 8 are required to wear masks on arrival and while waiting for their class to begin.

### **What hygiene etiquette does everyone have to follow?**

We ask that every person takes responsibility for their personal hygiene and also respects the space of others. That means wearing a mask at all times except when being active, washing / sanitising hands, covering coughs and sneezes, keeping 1m from the nearest person when not participating in a class, bringing your own equipment, and not sharing or touching anything that you don't have to.

### **Do I need to wear a mask?**

You must wear a mask at all times, except when being active, so masks must be worn when entering the facility, changing and walking between areas and rooms. This follows protocols based on the Government's guidelines.

### **Is it okay if I just use a bandana or scarf or a towel as a face covering?**

No as these no longer meet the recommended guidance. Masks and face coverings that are suitable are either reusable fabric masks or disposable non-medical masks. Here are the [Ministry of Health guidelines](#).

### **I have a 'mask exemption', do I still need to wear a mask when not being active?**

No, however you will need to present your Mask Exemption Card or letter from your doctor prior to entering the facility or engaging in the activities. We know that some people have a disability or health condition where they may not be able to wear a face mask safely or comfortably. Mask Exemption

Cards are issued by the Disabled Persons Assembly NZ (DPA). While at the facility please carry your Mask Exemption Card with you in case you are questioned by concerned members or staff. If you have an exemption from wearing a mask, we will still need to determine whether we can continue to operate safely, and whether appropriate accommodations can be made for you to enter the facilities and engage in activities.

### **What about physical distancing and number limits?**

At the Red level, where vaccine certificates are required, sport and indoor recreation facilities can have up to 100 people in a single defined space at any time. 1m distancing will be followed except when gymnasts are participating in their class. Classes will remain in their own class bubble and 1 m from any other class bubble.

### **I've recovered from COVID-19 – can I come back to the Franklin Gymsports facility / activities?**

If you have been diagnosed as having COVID-19 and have recovered, we will require medical clearance for you, as well as evidence of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19. You can then return to the Franklin Gymsports facility and activities as long as you follow all COVID-19 processes and protocols including personal hygiene expectations.

### **What about changing rooms?**

Changing Rooms will be open, but the less you can use them the better. If you can come dressed in your gear ready to go it'll mean that you'll get in and out of the club facility quicker, have less interaction with others, and won't have to worry about limits in the changing rooms due to physical distancing. Washing hands is okay as long as you're physically distant from the next person. Please respect the space of your fellow members and be kind.

### **How will you let people know about any restrictions?**

Even before you enter the Franklin Gymsports facility or areas of activity you will see COVID-19 signage. There will be visual reminders (signage, collateral etc) throughout the Franklin Gymsports facility. Sanitisation bottles will be visible. We will also inform you via email and our website.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **What does this mean for my membership agreement?**

We will be updating our General Terms (as incorporated into your membership agreement) to include the following requirement for members aged 12 years and 3 months or older to have proof (or an exemption) of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to entry to our organisation's facilities / activities.

### **What if I don't want to be vaccinated right now?**

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