



## COVID SAFETY EVENT PLAN

### New Zealand Events June 2022

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GRIP Leadership is committed to making our events a safe environment, including provisions relating to the risk of infection from COVID-19.

We are preparing to hold the June 2022 conferences during Orange restrictions, although it may be Green by the time the events occur. The Orange guidelines are set by the New Zealand Government, although this plan below specifies how these are applied to this specific event.

This Covid Safety Plan is in addition to the existing risk management plan already in place at GRIP Leadership events available at: <https://gripleadership.co.nz/about/our-safety/>

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#### **1.0 Contact Tracing**

- This event is considered a 'controlled access event' because registration is required in advance.
- GRIP Leadership will, if requested by health authorities, provide the contact details of registered groups.

#### **2.0 Vaccination Status**

- Government rules prohibit organisations from requiring students to have a My Vaccine Pass.
- The vaccine mandate for workers in the education sector has been removed from 5 April 2022.

#### **3.0 Enhanced Cleaning**

- We utilise professional event venues, who are each required to implement Covid Safety protocols to provide the safest possible event environment. Venues will ensure a clean and sanitary environment prior to the arrival of attendees, and throughout the event.
- Frequently touched items, such as microphones, will be sanitised throughout the conference.

#### **4.0 Face Masks**

- Face masks are strongly encouraged by the NZ Government for attenders at events. This is not a requirement, so each school group can provide their own instructions to their attendees.
- Face masks will be worn by GRIP Leadership staff (except when presenting on stage), and venue staff who may need to interact with attendees.

#### **5.0 Health and Hygiene**

- Handwashing facilities are available, as well as hand sanitiser at entry points.
- Announcements and signage will remind attendees to advise their guardians if they are feeling unwell, so that steps can be taken to isolate them from the event.

- Health mandates that may be current at the time of the event (eg mask wearing, density limits, prohibition of dance floors) will be adhered to and reminders given if needed. .

## **6.0 Distancing**

- Groups will be guided to assigned seating by ushers, over a 30-45 minute arrival window to reduce queuing.
- On arrival groups will be allocated seating which they are required to utilise for the whole event, so that their main exposure is to those whom they already share space with on a daily basis. Extra space surrounding groups will be provided where possible and where suitable.
- Activities will be modified so as not to require person to person contact. Interaction between students from different schools will only be short (ie a few seconds), incidental, and infrequent, with no physical contact.
- Maximum entry and exit points will be utilised to reduce/eliminate queuing.
- At Orange level restrictions a venue capacity is not required for a seated event. As an additional precaution we will self-impose a capacity limit based on 1m distancing for large events.

## **7.0 Staff Safety and Training**

- GRIP Leadership staff will not attend an event if they exhibit any Covid-19 symptoms or are required under health directives to isolate.
- GRIP Leadership staff are trained in the requirements of this Covid Safety plan.

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