

## **COVID PROTECTION FRAMEWORK – RED**

### **AUT Millennium Specific information for Pool User Groups**

The Government is leading our response to the COVID-19 pandemic and our goal is to ensure we meet their requirements. As we return to onsite operations, it's essential that we minimise exposure to and transmission of COVID-19 at AUT Millennium. Outlined below are the measures AUT Millennium has adopted to protect at risk people and minimise the risk of community transmission.

As both a public and private venue, AUT Millennium must follow the Government's guidelines regarding the vaccination status and gathering numbers within each space. Please do not take offense if a member of our staff asks you to wait outside before entering the pools, this is being done to ensure everyone's safety during their visit to AUT Millennium.

The AUT Millennium team are very excited to be back to be able to provide our community with the health and fitness routines we know everyone has missed! Please be patient with our team members while we are all learning how to work within the new Covid Protection Framework guidelines – everyone's health and safety is our priority.

### **EVERYONE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY**

We're all in this together and there are some general steps you must take to help keep everyone safe:

- Please stay at home if you're feeling at all unwell.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water and/or hand sanitiser.
- If you need to sneeze or cough, do so into your elbow or tissue (and dispose of it in a bin).
- Sign in using the QR code or manual register for contact tracing each time you enter the facility.
- The coach/person in charge of the group must also keep a register of all participants at each session. This list must be kept securely for 60 days after completion of session. This list may be requested by AUT Millennium and/or Ministry of Health at any time.

## **MY VACCINE PASS**

Under the red and orange Protection Framework levels, AUT Millennium will require **all** eligible pool users aged over 12 years and three months old to be fully vaccinated in order to use the National Aquatic Centre and AUT Millennium pools. This includes all spectators entering the pool and grandstand areas.

- Children under the age of 12 years old who cannot be vaccinated will be treated as if they have a vaccine pass.
- Children who have just turned 12 years old will have 3 months to become fully vaccinated.

**Clubs and Pool User Groups will be required to sight and verify all their eligible coaches/members/swimmers prior to visiting the facility and to maintain an accurate record.**

- Sighting and verifying Vaccine Passports will be the responsibility of the club/pool user group. This record may be requested by AUT Millennium at any time.
- Unvaccinated eligible club coaches/members/swimmers will not be able to visit the pool facility.
- Pre-verified club coaches/members/swimmers won't be required to show their Vaccine Passport at reception if attending as part of a club/pool user group pool booking.
- Spectators will still be required to show their Vaccine Passport to our Customer Care team before entering the pool and grandstand areas.
- If these conditions are not met by the club/pool user group, then the pool booking will be unable to go ahead under the red and orange Protection Framework levels.
- The Vaccine Passport mandate will be reviewed at each Covid Protection Framework level.

While we are putting trust and responsibility on the clubs and user groups to sight and verify that their coaches/members/swimmers are double vaccinated, we recommend that anyone using the pool facilities should carry a copy of their Vaccine Passport with them. Please do not be offended if a member of AUT Millennium staff asks to sight it.

## **CAPACITY LIMITS**

Under the red Protection Framework the National Aquatic Centre is deemed a “public facility” and able to open with capacity limited based on allowing 1m<sup>2</sup> of space per person.

The AUT Millennium pools are deemed “private facilities,” and must follow the rules for “Gatherings” which are able to open with up to 100 people per gathering.

Indoor gatherings must be separated by walls and cannot share direct airflow therefore, the pool area including the balcony area will be treated as one gathering area.

- The capacity limits include children under 12 years of age but excludes workers.
- At a gathering, attendees including spectators do not have to physically distance. There are no limits of physical distancing whilst swimming in the pool or during learn to swim lessons.
- Please do not enter the facility until the time of your booking. Coaches need to wait outside with their swimmers and enter together as a group. This will help reduce congestion during peak times.
- If your child is under 10 years old, you may drop your child off on poolside and then go to the National Aquatic Centre Grandstand or leave the pool area until time to pick them up again.
- Spectators must be seated in the Grandstand at the National Aquatic Centre. Spectators will not be allowed to remain in the AUTM Main pool area.

Please do not be offended if a Lifeguard asks to move you or your group upstairs to the National Aquatic Centre grandstand, concourse area or outside to avoid congestion on pool side.

## **WHEN USING AUT MILLENNIUM POOL FACILITIES**

- Your hands must be cleaned on entry into the facility. Hand-sanitiser stations are available at every main building entry point and bathrooms.
- You must follow designated routes in, out and around our facilities. You are only able to enter both buildings from the front reception.
- Coach/person in charge must remain with the group at all times ensuring that all Ministry of Health guidelines are met – i.e. they enter and leave with the group.
- Face coverings will not be required to be worn inside the pool area but will be required in all other indoor areas such as the reception and café areas. It is encouraged to wear masks inside the changing areas where possible.
- Face coverings are also recommended before or after engaging in recreational activities and coaches may wish to wear a mask whilst training an athlete.

- Due to the facility capacity number restrictions, please do not enter the facility until the time of your booking. Coaches need to wait outside with their swimmers and enter together as a group.
- Spectators must be seated in the Grandstand. If your child is under 10 years old you may drop your child off on poolside and then go to the Grandstand area.
- Changing rooms are for use of toilets, showers and changing at both pools. We recommend swimmers come pre-dressed in their swimming gear and bring warm clothing to wear home. Where possible we would like all swimmers to please shower at home afterwards to help with capacity numbers.
- Poolside showers will be available for large groups. Only 1 person may use the shower at a time with a 2-minute time limit.
- Water fountains will be available for use, but we strongly encourage users to bring their own pre-filled drink bottle. Water is also available to purchase from the Café or Subway.
- No dryland training can be done on poolside.
- Where possible please bring in your own swim equipment – i.e. kick boards.
- Common touchpoints (door handles, taps, and lift buttons) will be cleaned regularly.
- We have established intensive cleaning strategies for our pools and all other common areas.