

Corona Virus Information

Opunake Beach Holiday Park is committed to the safety of all our guests and staff, and as such we will continue to follow all Government and Holiday Park Association guidelines. We reserve the right to change our policy at any stage.

It appears that the virus will be with us for a significant period yet and that we all need to take responsibility for our own safety.

This is what we will do:

- keep following the guidance issued by the Government or the Holiday Park Association
- ensure masks are worn in our reception/office area and shop
- limit the number of people in the shop and reception at any one time
- clean the shared amenities a minimum of 3 times a day when the campground is at capacity
- make hand sanitisers available and have masks for sale
- reduce the number of hand basins/sinks etc to assist with social distancing
- be kind!

This is what we expect our guests will do:

- scan in or manually record your visit
- bring your own supply of hand sanitiser and mask(s)
- maintain good hygiene practice & social distancing of 1 metre
- wear a mask in the shared amenities block, reception/office area and shop
- keep your bubbles as small as possible
- maintain social distancing and Covid record keeping by meeting your friends outside the campground
- be kind!

Let's all have a great summer!

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This has been one of the most difficult decisions we have made and don't believe there is a right answer for everyone. We are concerned that the current traffic light system is dividing New Zealanders. Please be considerate of people with views that differ from your own.

Opunake Beach Holiday Park is committed to the safety of all our guests and staff, and as such follow all Government and Holiday Park Association guidelines. Under the old covid elimination framework (alert levels), Opunake Beach Holiday Park was classed as an essential service and remained open for business, with appropriate safety measures, under all levels.

The New Zealand Government has announced the traffic light system will start from 3rd December and has just provided guidelines for accommodation providers under the new system. We waited for these guidelines to be provided so we could be fully informed before making our decision. In essence, the guidelines advise that all accommodation providers from backpacker dormitories to hotel rooms are open under all levels of the traffic light system and that there will be no different procedures in either the green, orange or red levels.

While we may have been somewhat surprised of this decision, the Government has a team of experts in pandemics and has extensive data and knowledge of the virus and how it is spread. They also have detailed input from the leaders of the Holiday Park Association and other accommodation providers. With all this knowledge at their disposal the Government's risk assessment is that vaccine passports are not to be mandated for campgrounds. That is, they are at a lower risk level than gyms, restaurants and bars.

We at Opunake Beach Holiday Park have experience in and knowledge of campgrounds, accounting, business psychology and sales, but we are conscious that we have no real knowledge or special skills of how viruses spread or the data reflecting New Zealand caseloads. As such we have to accept the Government risk assessment at face value.

So getting to our decision we have considered the following:

- the Government has deemed New Zealand campgrounds to not be high risk
- the Government has deemed Taranaki to be orange on the traffic light system
- we don't have the knowledge, specialist skills or detailed information to dispute the Government's risk assessment for campgrounds
- in addition, we have completed a workplace risk assessment and don't believe that Opunake Beach Holiday Park is at a higher risk level than other campgrounds in New Zealand
- in family oriented places such as campgrounds, unvaccinated children under 12 years, (who are 15% of the NZ population) are likely to be up to 30% of the guests
- statistically, unvaccinated children have the same chance of catching and spreading the virus as unvaccinated adults
- campgrounds are predominately outdoor activities and mask use can mitigate some of the indoor effects
- the Government's vaccination passport system is untested