

TAURANGA GLIDING CLUB

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

FUTURE OPERATIONS

As most members are aware, at the end of this month the Government will likely be making changes to levels of activity as the Country approaches 90% vaccination. This will possibly open the way to Trial Flights resuming and added risks to members during days of operation. In addition to the health risks that opening to the public may present, it is also paramount that we are internally ensuring we do not present a safety risk to our own members. In considering these risks your committee, instructors and tow pilots will require that all Club members and public visitors be fully vaccinated.

In the interests of conducting safe flying operations for Instruction, trial flights and personal use of club gliders and minimising risk from all sources, all pilots will need to supply evidence of having had a double vaccination of the Pfizer (or other government approved vaccine) issued in accordance with recommended medical practice. This will include a 14 day period since the second vaccine. You will not be able to fly club gliders or personal gliders from the Tauranga Gliding Club otherwise. This will come into effect on November 29. All members are requested to send proof of vaccination to the CFI (Paul Ellison: paul.ellison31@gmail.com) by that date. Screen shots accepted.

In terms of the Public, the website will indicate similar vaccination requirements for visitation and trial flights. Classic Flyers will be informed of the requirements in relation to the sale of Trial Flight

Vouchers. This will be supplemented with signage at the Club. This will place additional responsibility on Instructors and Duty Pilots to ensure compliance and the details of how this is achieved will possibly change with Government issue of portable vaccination verification. At present there are two means of verification being the vaccination record card received at the time of vaccination or the same records on the government site at www.mycovidrecord.co.nz. If you have been vaccinated please check this site and verify the information is correct so it can be available for reference.

We want to keep operations as simple as possible while managing health and safety under Covid conditions. There will be some simple Standards of Operation (SOP) generated to provide guidance for members during flying and managing public visits. These will be communicated in the near future.

The foregoing vaccination requirements is being adopted by all gliding clubs country wide as well as Australia. If you are not fully vaccinated please book your jab as soon as possible. Most clinics will not turn away a person not having an appointment as these clinics typically have cancellations and need to use up vaccine regardless so don't hesitate to drop in.

Looking forward to a safe and active flying season,

Dave Scott, President