
ARK IN THE PARK COVID-19 UPDATE

Context.

As of July 4th 2022, the Tier Response System is disestablished, and Forest & Bird are primarily following the national Traffic Light system. We will follow Ministry of Health advice in all situations and settings including in our offices and at external venues. The following guidelines are for Ark in the Park workers (including staff, contractors, and volunteers), to provide reference for work undertaken at the Ark in the Park in line with changes to Forest & Birds national approach.

Vaccination Policy.

Still in place – [please read here for further information.](#)

- This information will continue to be recorded securely by Ark staff while this requirement is in place.
- This applies to all activities organised by Forest & Bird, including work in the Ark buffer zone on private property where Ark workers (staff, contractors, and/or volunteers) are involved.

Forest & Bird guidelines:

- Practice good hand hygiene: wash (or sanitise) your hands often, especially before eating, drinking or touching your face.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Maintain social distancing of 1m wherever possible.
- As per public health guidelines stay home if you have symptoms, are sick, are waiting on a Covid-19 test result or have been asked to isolate by health professionals.
- Get a Covid-19 or Rapid Antigen Test if you suspect you have symptoms, are a close contact of a Covid-positive case, or have been advised to get tested by health professionals.
- Maintain contact tracing - please use the intentions book even if just visiting the Ark base, as this will be needed if we need to follow up on contacts in the event of a covid case at site.
- Mask while moving about shared spaces, and where you cannot maintain social distancing.
- Clean surfaces of shared spaces after use.

Additional guidelines for working at the Ark:

- If you are a [close contact with someone](#) who has tested positive for Covid-19:
 - Please follow government guidelines; monitor for symptoms, and if you develop any, get a test.
- For any Ark events where food is served (e.g. Saturday BBQs, end of year celebrations), please treat this the same as visiting a restaurant:
 - Masks on if standing or moving around (always if indoors, only if close to others if outdoors).
 - Masks off if seated with those from your household bubble.
- The online Covid-19 form is no longer a requirement. Instead, we ask that all workers read and understand this document, ask Ark staff for any clarifications needed.
 - Vaccination status will instead be asked from each individual and recorded by Ark staff. Where this is asked via email, the email response will be deleted to ensure data security, once that has been recorded by staff.



Last update: 27 July 2022

Interpretation of Orange setting at the Ark:

The full [government guidelines can be found here](#). The below points summarise how these guidelines apply specifically to work undertaken at the Ark in the Park, in addition to the Forest & Bird guidelines above. You are of course welcome to take further steps for your protection if you wish to, and please let the team know if there are any steps we can take to support you with this.

- Mask use:
 - Storeroom: always required if other workers are present (from outside your bubble).
 - Vehicles: indoor spaces. Masks required if ridesharing with those outside your bubble.
 - Office: required unless seated at least 1m apart.
 - Outdoors - regular work activities: only required if within 1m of others.
 - Outdoors - training sessions: masks required while at Ark base. Only required while in the field (e.g., on a bait line) if within 1m of others.
 - Remember you are welcome to wear a mask in any situation, even where it is not required by these guidelines.
- Contact tracing still applies. **Even if you're only visiting the Ark to collect gear**, it's vital you still please complete the intentions book with your name and time of visit - leave sections such as emergency contact blank if you are only visiting to collect gear.