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### **The Hotel Britomart announces vaccination mandate for guests, visitors and hotel team members**

The Hotel Britomart has announced a new vaccination policy to help protect hotel guests and visitors from Covid-19.

The policy, which also applies to kingi, The Hotel Britomart's restaurant, requires all guests and visitors at the hotel to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and to present proof of vaccination on arrival.

In addition, hotel team members and all contractors working on the hotel premises must be fully vaccinated to protect against the virus.

The new policy will become effective on November 1, 2021.

"Everything we do at The Hotel Britomart is aimed at providing the best possible experience for our guests," says general manager Clinton Farley. "We know that vaccine mandates are the best way to protect our guests and our teams from Covid-19. Vaccinated people are much less likely to carry and spread the virus, so our new mandate minimises the risk of exposure for our guests, allowing them to enjoy a comfortable stay at the hotel."

Opened in October 2020, The Hotel Britomart is owned by Cooper and Company, the organisation that has led the 20-year regeneration of Auckland's Britomart precinct. Cooper and Company has also introduced a vaccine mandate at The Landing, the Bay of Islands heritage estate with four residences offering luxury holiday accommodation.

"We hope that our stance will underline the importance of supporting our collective vaccination efforts as a country, and that many other hotels will follow suit," says Garth Solly, Director of Hospitality at Cooper and Company. "Vaccination against Covid-19 is a top global priority, and we think it is important for every organisation to do what it can to boost vaccination numbers and to ensure the safety of their teams and guests."

The Hotel Britomart's introduction of vaccine mandates come after leading international hotels such as New York's Public, Wythe Hotel and Equinox Hotel introduced similar policies.

"The pandemic is of course going to weigh on people's travel decisions, so we want to ensure that New Zealanders – and international travellers, when they're able to return – can feel The Hotel Britomart is doing everything possible to ensure their safety and well-being," says Clinton Farley.

The Hotel Britomart's new vaccine mandate accompanies measures that are already in place to minimise the spread of Covid-19, including mask-wearing, social distancing, and robust cleaning and sterilisation practices.

*Opened in October 2020, The Hotel Britomart is New Zealand's first 5 Green Star hotel, certified by the NZ Green Building Council. Designed by Cheshire Architects, the hotel was a winner in Conde Nast Traveler's Hot List of the best new hotels in the world in 2021. It was also a runner up for most sustainable hotel in the world in National Geographic Traveller's Hotel Awards 2021. The hotel has 99 guest rooms and five beautifully crafted Landing Suites, named for The Landing in the Bay of Islands, which is also managed by Cooper and Company. The hotel's all-day restaurant, kingi, is led by chef Tom Hishon.*

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