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Allocation of Spaces in Managed Isolation for Events

You are likely aware of recent comments from the Prime Minister reiterating the need for promoters of events to ensure they have all requisite arrangements in place before promoting events in New Zealand. We are in such a fortunate place to be able to even contemplate holding public events and we recognise the social and cultural benefits gained from such events being held. However, in the face of a global pandemic, we need to balance requests for workers associated with these events to enter our borders with our work to ensure the safety of all New Zealanders, the legal right of New Zealanders to enter, and the available capacity in our managed isolation facilities.

Please ensure that all workers associated with events you are hosting have the legal right to enter New Zealand and that they have a voucher for managed isolation. Obtaining a visa to travel to New Zealand does not automatically result in being allocated a voucher in managed isolation. More information about managed isolation can be found at www.miq.govt.nz.

Space in managed isolation is extremely limited over the coming months as there is high demand from other New Zealanders wanting to come home. The MIQ team at the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment is not in a position to prioritise spaces in managed isolation facilities outside of the criteria set out in the emergency allocation process. The threshold for approving these requests is extremely high. Our priority remains New Zealanders who have the legal right to return to their home. We appreciate your assistance in working with us to ensure the ongoing safety of New Zealanders and to maintain New Zealand's ability to continue hosting public events.

Yours sincerely



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