

Our Mission and Values

The New Zealand Institute of Surveyors, trading as Survey and Spatial New Zealand – Tātai Whenua (S+SNZ), has a longstanding history as a recognised industry and accreditation body, representing a broad range of professionals across the surveying, land development engineering, spatial science and engineering surveying industries. Since its inception in 1888, it has provided oversight and control of appropriate practice to safeguard public interest, across the occupations and professions represented by its membership.

The Mission of Survey and Spatial New Zealand – Tātai Whenua, is to:

‘Provide a home which supports, develops and connects, our diverse survey and spatial membership’

Through the values of:

- Sustainability
- Integrity
- Respect
- Community.

Our Covid-19 Position

Our Covid-19 position is two-fold.

1. Our People

In line with the mission of S+SNZ, our position is one of strong commitment to our survey and spatial community. We will continue to provide a professional home to support, develop and connect our people. We respect individual rights and commit to doing what we can to ensure that all members can continue to receive support and value from belonging to our community, as we navigate the professional and personal challenges that the Covid-19 environment presents us with.

2. Appropriate Practice to Safeguard Public Interest

We recognise the risks that Covid-19 presents to the public, the workplace, to our members, clients and to business continuity across the occupations our S+SNZ community represents. It is our expectation that all S+SNZ membership will be law abiding and will comply with Government and Health Orders as required.

In line with our values of sustainability, integrity, respect and community, our absolute expectation is that our membership will regularly assess Covid-19 risks and respond in ways that at all times seek to mitigate those risks, by engaging in appropriate and safe practices, not only at their usual place of work, but in any location that involves contact with other people, including members of the public.

S+SNZ is committed to the protection, promotion, and advocacy of surveying and spatial professionals. New Zealand’s response to Covid-19 is continuing to evolve. Our commitment is to be with our members, every step of the way.

Covid-19 Position - FAQs

These frequently asked questions (FAQs) have been compiled to help S+SNZ Members and Non-Members. This is a working document which will continue to be added to, as S+SNZ continues to consult with its Members and Stakeholders.

(Acknowledgement and thanks go to the University of Auckland for their FAQs and Guidance, which has provided the basis for this section).

1. What is S+SNZ's decision on a Covid-19 position?

S+SNZ has confirmed that their Covid-19 position is two-fold. It supports their people, and it also supports appropriate practice to safeguard public interest. (See full position statement here: surveyspatialnz.org)

2. When will this position take effect?

It will take effect on 18 November 2021, and will be reviewed after six months, or earlier if conditions or Government requirements warrant it.

3. Who will this apply to?

It will apply to all Members of S+SNZ.

4. Why is S+SNZ adopting this position?

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, continuing to provide a professional home where members are supported, protected, and kept safe, has been the top priority of S+SNZ. As NZ changes and adapts to new ways of dealing with Covid-19, it is important that S+SNZ, clearly state their position with regards to continuing support and services for all members. It is equally important to provide clear communication on its expectations to Members around Covid-19 risk assessment and safe practices at work and other locations that involve contact with people, including members of the general public.

5. How will the delivery of service and support to S+SNZ Members change as a result of their Covid-19 position?

The quality and calibre of service and support to Members is not anticipated to change as a result of the S+SNZ Covid-19 position. S+SNZ are committed to providing all members with support and value from belonging to their community. Over the course of 2020/21, S+SNZ has delivered a greater number and variety of services, programs and events that do not require in person attendance. Where possible, S+SNZ will also endeavour to provide face to face events that facilitate networking, relationship building and connection. S+SNZ's Branch and Divisions have continued, where possible, to meet face to face.

6. How will Survey and Spatial NZ monitor whether someone taking part in a face-to-face S+SNZ-managed activity is fully vaccinated?

S+SNZ does not require any Member to be fully vaccinated in order to take part in a face-to-face activity or event. That requirement is mandated by the venue in which the activity or event is being held. S+SNZ will ensure that all

registrations for face-to-face activities and events organised by S+SNZ, include details on the vaccination status required by the venue.

7. What if my personal choice is not to be vaccinated?

S+SNZ respects the individual rights of all Members to make personal choices. It is clear from the Government's directions so far on the new 'traffic light' system that proof of vaccination will be a core requirement for a wide range of activities and freedoms. This includes entry to venues such as hospitality venues (bars, restaurants, cafes), hotels, conference facilities and other event venues. As S+SNZ in person events (such as meetings, assessments, seminars, and conferences) are held in such venues, it is recognised that under the new 'traffic light' system, those venues will require proof of vaccination to be permitted to enter. The only exceptions will be people who have a valid medical exemption, and it is understood that the venues will follow the Ministry of Health's guidance and requirements for establishing a medical exemption.

S+SNZ will continue to provide a balance of face to face and online opportunities for CPD, meetings and events. There will be no requirement for in person attendance for the interactive assessment part of S+SNZ's new Certification programs. S+SNZ will do everything it can to ensure that those who are unable to attend an in-person S+SNZ organised activity, will have an online equivalent.

8. If I choose not to be vaccinated, will I still be able to access CPD?

If you choose not to be vaccinated, then this will not necessarily impact your ability to access CPD. However, as not all S+SNZ CPD is available online, there may be limitations on the CPD activities, programs, and events available to you, due to the venue's requirements for proof of vaccination.

S+SNZ is incorporating a substantial number of online CPD opportunities into its 2021 CPD calendar and it is anticipated that all Members will be able to complete their required annual CPD, regardless of their ability to attend in person events.

9. If I choose not to be vaccinated, will I still be able to attend my local S+SNZ Branch Meetings?

If you choose not to be vaccinated, then your ability to attend your local Branch meeting in person, will depend on the venue where the meeting is held and its requirements for proof of vaccination. If the meeting is held at a venue which does not require proof of vaccination, then you will be able to attend in person. If the venue does require proof of vaccination, then you will not be able to attend that meeting. The meeting venue is decided by the Local S+SNZ Branch.

**If you have further questions, please email Survey and Spatial NZ National Office:
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