

# Bega Valley Bridge Club – COVID-19 Update February 2024

## Review of the Club's Measures against Covid-19

Almost 4 years into the Pandemic, the SARS Cov2 Virus remains prevalent in our community and people continue to die from it every day in Australia. We are now immunised and have more effective and specific treatments.

### Wellbeing of Members and Visitors

- People intending to play MUST register with the Director or Secretary before 11am on the day of play. This is best done in the Members' Only section of the Club Webpage, but can also be by phone, text or email. Partners should be pre-arranged where possible.
- Players are asked to follow the following guidelines:
  - Stay at home if unwell for any reason;
  - Test yourself if unwell with a COVID Rapid Antigen Test if symptoms consistent with COVID19;
  - Sanitise or wash your hands with soap and water before and after eating and smoking and after visiting the bathroom;
  - Cough or sneeze into your elbow;
  - Minimise contact with your face and skin & contact with others;
  - Wearing a mask inside the Green Shed is strongly recommended but is voluntary.
  - As circulating fresh air is good to minimize the risk of COVID virus (and other respiratory illnesses) spreading between members in the Green Shed, members should be able to keep themselves warm enough, with appropriate clothing available, whilst playing. (Doors and windows should be open whenever possible).
- Bega Valley Bridge Club has the right to refuse entry to any person who appears unwell.
- All players should have 'up to date' immunization against COVID-19: **everyone should continue to have COVID-19 Booster doses as recommended by their GP/ATAGI**. Vaccination remains effective against serious illness and death from COVID-19. Anti-Viral antibiotics are available to use now for COVID-19 and provide extra protection from death and serious illness.

### Physical Distancing

- Members should try to maintain the recommended 1.5 m separation from other persons where possible.

### Hygiene and Cleaning

- Hand sanitiser dispensers will be available near each playing table and should be used by each member at the start of play and conclusion of each playing round.
- Air purifiers should be in operation at all times when the Green Shed is in use. Filters should be replaced as recommended.

- Toilets will be stocked with hand soap and paper towels.
- Posters will be displayed in toilets to remind people of effective hand washing practices.
- Supplies of detergent/disinfectant of an appropriate strength will be available in the kitchen area.

**Complying with Authorised use of Clubhouse**

- Any “social” bridge games, lessons or other activities at the club premises MUST comply with the above plan.