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We at County Bridge Club have a legal obligation to ensure the Health, Safety and Wellbeing, so far as is reasonably practicable, of our members, officials, visitors, and those working on or at our premises.

To ensure we comply with these obligations and to protect all members we have produced this policy and where practicable, we will follow the contents to protect all persons whilst on our club premises.


Policy Scope

- We will follow the government, Public Health England and WHO guidelines & advice,
- We recognise the guidelines for social distancing and will follow these,
- Where social distancing is not possible, we will make cleaning and sanitising options available to members & visitors.
- If someone becomes unwell on the clubs premises, with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, they will be asked to leave and advised to follow the isolation protocols set out by Public Health England & the UK government.
- We will, if safe and possible to do so support members who develop Covid-19 symptoms at our premises to return home or get to a medical facility, but we will adhere to government guidelines
- All our members have a legal duty to look after themselves and others
- Members & visitors showing symptoms of Covid-19 must not attend our premises, they must self-isolate for the recommended time frames as set out by both Public Health England and Government Guidance.
- Members can return to the club once the self-isolation period has passed but must be clear of all Covid-19 symptoms.

Good Practice to Combat Covid-19

It is good practice for the club officials to:

- keep everyone updated on actions being taken to reduce risks of exposure in the club,
- ensure members who are in a vulnerable group do not attend the club,
- make sure everyone's contact numbers and emergency contact details are up to date

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- ensure club officials know how to spot symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) and are clear on any relevant processes and procedures in case someone at the club is potentially infected and needs to take the appropriate action
- make sure there are places to wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water, and encourage everyone to do so regularly,
- provide hand sanitiser and tissues for members and encourage them to use them.

What we will do if someone develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) on club premises

If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature in the club or they should be sent home and advised to follow the [stay at home guidance](#). If they need clinical advice, they should go online to [NHS 111](#) or call 111 if they don't have internet access. In an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk. Do not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.

If a member has helped someone who was taken unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves. They should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds & sanitise after any contact with someone who is unwell with symptoms consistent with Covid-19 infection.

It may be necessary to close our club in line with government resections. Keep monitoring the [government response page](#) for the latest details.

Travel arrangements

Travel to and from the club must be in line with the current UK government legislation.

All members must be aware of the local tier ratings in the areas of travel and adhere to the local rules within the area.


Receiving Goods/Products

All precautions must be taken when receiving goods/products

These are as follows:

- Wearing of PPE
- Gloves
- Masks where possible
- Overalls/Workwear
- Cleaning of received items
- Following handwashing guidelines
- The cleaning of touch points following deliveries

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Limiting spread of coronavirus (COVID-19)

All club officials can help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) by reminding everyone of the public health advice. [Posters, leaflets and other materials](#) are available.

All members should be reminded to wash their hands for 20 seconds more frequently than normal.

Frequently clean and disinfect objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, using your standard cleaning products.

Cleaning

What we will all do

- cleaning an area with normal household disinfectant after someone with suspected coronavirus (COVID-19) has left, will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people
- if an area can be kept closed and secure for 72 hours, wait until this time has passed for cleaning as the amount of virus living on surfaces will have reduced significantly by 72 hours
- wherever possible, wear disposable or washing-up gloves and aprons for cleaning. These should be double-bagged, then stored securely for 72 hours then thrown away in the regular rubbish after cleaning is finished
- using a disposable cloth, first clean hard surfaces with warm soapy water. Then disinfect these surfaces with the cleaning products you normally use. Pay particular attention to frequently touched areas and surfaces, such as bathrooms, grab-rails in corridors and stairwells and door handles
- wash hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds, and after removing gloves, aprons and other protection used while cleaning

Personal protective equipment (PPE)

The minimum PPE to be worn for cleaning an area where a person with possible or confirmed COVID-19 is disposable gloves and an apron. Hands should be washed with soap and water for 20 seconds after all PPE has been removed.


Cleaning and disinfection

Public areas where a symptomatic individual has passed through and spent minimal time, such as corridors, but which are not visibly contaminated with body fluids can be cleaned thoroughly as normal.

All surfaces that the symptomatic person has come into contact with must be cleaned and disinfected, including:

- objects which are visibly contaminated with body fluids
- all potentially contaminated high-contact areas such as bathrooms, door handles, telephones, grab-rails in corridors and stairwells

Use disposable cloths or paper roll and disposable mop heads, to clean all hard surfaces, floors, chairs, door handles and sanitary fittings, following one of the options below:

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- use either a combined detergent disinfectant solution at a dilution of 1,000 parts per million available chlorine
- or**
- a household detergent followed by disinfection (1000 ppm av.cl.). Follow manufacturer's instructions for dilution, application and contact times for all detergents and disinfectants
- or**
- if an alternative disinfectant is used within the organisation, this should be checked and ensure that it is effective against enveloped viruses.

- Avoid creating splashes and spray when cleaning.

- Any cloths and mop heads used must be disposed of and should be put into waste bags as outlined below.

- When items cannot be cleaned using detergents or laundered, for example, upholstered furniture and mattresses, steam cleaning should be used.

- Any items that are heavily contaminated with body fluids and cannot be cleaned by washing should be disposed of.

If possible keep an area closed off and secure for 72 hours. After this time the amount of virus contamination will have decreased substantially and you can clean as normal with your usual products.


Waste

Waste from possible cases and cleaning of areas where possible cases have been (including disposable cloths and tissues):

1. Should be put in a plastic rubbish bag and tied when full.
2. The plastic bag should then be placed in a second bin bag and tied.
3. It should be put in a suitable and secure place and marked for storage until the individual's test results are known.

Waste should be stored safely. You should not put your waste in communal waste areas

If storage for at least 72 hours is not appropriate, arrange for collection as a Category B infectious waste either by your local waste collection authority if they currently collect your waste or otherwise by a specialist clinical waste contractor. They will supply you with orange clinical waste bags for you to place your bags into so the waste can be sent for appropriate treatment.

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Useful Links

Public Health England

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

World Health Organisation

<https://www.who.int/>

HSE

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/>

NHS 111

<https://111.nhs.uk/>

For further assistance please contact Multi Consultant Ltd

<https://multiconsultant.co.uk>

Policy will be periodical reviewed or

- If there has been significant change,
- If a problem has been identified,
- If a reported infection has occurred,
- When government recommend guidelines are amended,
- When the governments “road map out of lock down” is amended.