

## **GUIDANCE TO YORK BRIDGE CLUB MEMBERS: COVID 19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES**

The Trustees objective is to ensure that the environment is as safe as possible, and that the wellbeing of all members is considered and continuously monitored. I am sure all members returning will be delighted to be back playing but it is important to be aware that coronavirus has not gone away.

This document sets out guidance on how we intend to operate the Club in order to minimise the risk of spreading COVID-19. It gives practical considerations of how everybody's general behaviour can help to reduce the spread of any infections

**To stay safe if you are especially vulnerable to COVID-19 please do not attend.**

**We expect only those members who have been double vaccinated or have a medical exemption certificate to attend the Bridge Club.**

**Please do not attend the Bridge Club if you are running a temperature or are feeling unwell.**

The Club risk assessment has been updated to take account of the measures for controlling the proliferation of viruses but your help at all times is vital. The Trustees have a duty to reduce risk to the lowest reasonably practicable level by taking preventative measures.

### **Key Actions taken by the Trustees**

- Keeping a record of all members attending the premises on any given day for 21 days and provide data to NHS Test and Trace if requested.
- Increasing the frequency of cleaning all surfaces and equipment substantially and further enhancing the overall cleaning specification for the premises.
- Re-aligning the layout of tables in order to make good use of the available space.
- Running a strictly limited number of sessions and reducing the maximum number of tables to six.
- Controlling the organisation of sessions strictly and limiting the length of the playing time.
- Providing hand sanitisers at each table and at key places around the club
- Introducing a new cash free payments system.
- Providing additional signage to help overall safety.
- Ensuring good ventilation by keeping doors and windows open even when cold.
- Ceasing the provision of refreshments while taking steps to protect the needs of those members with protected characteristics.

## Key Actions required from members

- Washing hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds using soap and water when using the toilets.
- Face Coverings: We no longer require members to wear a face covering at the club. This approach allows members to undertake their own risk-based judgement on whether to wear a face covering. We do however ask that members respect the wishes of others at the table and, if asked, wear a mask at the table. Full details of the Government guidance can be found by using this link [Face coverings: when to wear one, exemptions, and how to make your own - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-exemptions-and-how-to-make-your-own).
- Members should minimise the number, proximity and duration of social contacts.
- Greeting your “long-lost” friends from a distance.
- Not unduly raising your voices to each other. This is because of the potential for increased risk of transmission - particularly from aerosol and droplet transmission.
- Increasing the frequency of handwashing and using the hand sanitisers on entry and at regular other times including after each round.
- Leaving outside clothing in cars, whenever practical, to relieve pressure on safe storage.
- Recognising the need for windows to be open and so bringing an extra jumper or cardigan at low temperature times of the year.
- Bringing your own supply of refreshments and any cutlery or crockery that you intend to use. The kitchen will not be accessible as indeed will all parts of the club other than the downstairs playing area and the toilets.
- Ensuring that you only touch the side of the boards containing their own cards.
- Remembering that East/West will be expected to give verbal permission for each board result to be approved and not touch the Bridgemates.

The main source of guidance is taken from [www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk). Coronavirus: How to stay safe and prevent the spread from 19<sup>th</sup> July.