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To Club Secretaries
CC Regions

Covid 19- Advisory No 12

By the time you read this advisory you will be fully aware that the Government has changed the Alert Levels for Auckland and the rest of New Zealand.

We do not believe there is a need to panic. If you have been or suspect that you might have been in contact (directly or indirectly) with the family from South Auckland, then we recommend you follow the Ministry of Health guidelines. Otherwise, be vigilant. If you have or develop symptoms, then isolate and get a test.

Over the weekend 48 teams successfully participated in the South Island teams. There were teams from all over New Zealand including Auckland and Taranaki. We have emailed all players to be vigilant and if they have symptoms to contact the authorities. If you have symptoms or develop symptoms, we ask that you also let us know.

With Auckland moving to alert level 3, all Auckland bridge clubs must remain closed for the 3 days.

For the rest of New Zealand under alert level 2 bridge can be played with gatherings not exceeding 100 people. Clubs electing to operate over the next 3 days should be mindful of the following and are urged to share this checklist with their members.

Bridge Under Alert Level 2

- Gatherings must have no more than 100 people in each defined space*.
(* a defined space has walls or partitions that divide it from other spaces)
- Remind players if they are sick to stay at home.
- Remind players if they have COVID-19 symptoms they must not enter the clubrooms
- Maintain high hygiene standards (wash hands, use hand sanitizer, sneeze, or cough into elbow).
- Maintain contact tracing and display the QR code. Please actively encourage our members to scan this code if they have an appropriate phone.
- Maintain physical distancing from people you do not know, consider wearing a face mask.

We encourage you to refer to the COVID-19 website (<https://covid19.govt.nz/>) for more information.

We hope over the next 24 hours there will be greater clarity and that the Alert Levels will revert to Alert Level 1 on or before midnight on Wednesday.

So, stay vigilant, stay safe, stay well.
Cheers Allan