

## Covid -19 – Should we Reopen?

### Health and Safety considerations – a check list to get you started

#### Introduction

Keeping members safe will be a priority for all clubs. In this time of Covid-19 and changing lockdown levels, there are a number of factors that each club will have to consider when beginning and continuing club play as public health requirements change, and assess your own clubs risk profile.

Attached is a check list of things to think about, but the first place to look is <https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/> to see what current requirements sit around each Alert Level. Delta variant is transmitted via air, rather than through surfaces, so although sanitation is still really important the ventilation of indoor environments now needs to be added to a check list of things to consider.

If you think your club may be able to open, the following is a prompt list of things to consider. There may be others prompts you think of, or solutions you come up with, that are worth sharing with others. Let NZ Bridge know so we can pool our resources and get back to playing bridge as soon as we can.

Check with the landlord	Is the building regarded as a public place?; Is it a shared space with others, and how easy is it to keep people from different groups separated? Is the cleaning regime adequate for the numbers of people?? Is it adequately ventilated?
Is your QR code up in a number of places? Do you also have a contact tracing register?	<a href="https://covid19.govt.nz/business-and-money/businesses/get-your-qr-code-poster/">https://covid19.govt.nz/business-and-money/businesses/get-your-qr-code-poster/</a>  See below for register requirements
What spacing is required?	Do the number of tables need to be reduced?  Can you manage the numbers permitted for an indoor space?
What number of people can gather?	How will you run a booking system?
How will you minimise mixing of people?	Will you ask for staggered arrival times? Will you offer less changes of tables?
Who will be responsible to ensure sign in/scanning	You should be aiming to keep a full list of everyone who was at the event including helpers. (contact tracing)

What are your rules on... And how are you promoting them?	Mask wearing (if mandatory you will need to ensure a supply for those who may have forgotten) Vaccinations Sanitizer use
Food and drink	Best to not provide food or drink (including tea and coffee) unless at Level 1, and discourage socializing in the club rooms at the end of play
Ventilation	Delta variant is transmitted through air. How will you manage ventilation during play and after play?
Sanitizer	Will this be at each table?  In the bathrooms?  At the entrance?  Frequency required?
Cleaning and its frequency	The room? The tables? The boards? The tablets?  The Cards?
Announcements regarding protocols	On the website? At each session? At each table? In the bathrooms
Management of play	Bring own pens? Only one person to touch tablet/scoring sheet.

## CONTACT TRACING:

Contact tracing is the identification of individuals that have come in contact with people who may have been exposed to a disease. It is a fundamental precaution against the spread of disease in the community. It should be offered for those unable to scan in using QR codes.

1. At a minimum be prepared to collect:
  - a. Date
  - b. Time
  - c. Full name
  - d. Address
  - e. Phone
  - f. Email

2. Be prepared to keep the information for at least 4 weeks – but the Ministry of Health (or other government department) will advise this information
3. Be prepared to keep the information private and secure.
4. Be prepared to securely dispose the information completely and thoroughly. It must at a minimum be shredded.
5. Individuals must be made aware of the reason for the register, and what will happen to the information.
6. Nominate a person responsible for the collection and maintenance of the data. Should there be a suspected case of the disease from someone who visited your facility, this person should be responsible for contacting the Ministry (through a hot line). It will be the Ministry's responsibility to decide on necessary follow-up.