



COVID19 SAFETY PLAN

Preamble

This document “**TBC_Covid19_Safe_Plan_V5.2_Apr22**” released 1st April 2022 replaces its predecessor “**TBC_Covid19_Safe_Plan_V5.11_Dec21**” which was released on 1st December 2021. It reflects the continued easing of restrictions driven largely by the increased state of triple vaccination of the populous, and remains the subject of any changes in the status of the pandemic both locally and worldwide.

Our National and International borders have now re-opened yet the risk of infection remains ever-present. The health, safety and comfort of our members remain our top priorities.

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This Safety Plan will be revisited and further updated as necessary in light of ongoing experience. New updates can be identified by the header at the top of Page 1.

1. **Check In Qld app:** It is no longer required for bridge clubs by Queensland law.
2. **Proof of Vaccination:** This is required by all upon entry to most venues including bridge clubs. Townsville Bridge Club (TBC) maintains a Vaccination Register showing the date of your last vaccination. You should advise the club and produce evidence if you have been re-vaccinated recently.
3. **Registration:** Pre-registration will be required only for Special Events and Congresses.
4. **Covid Protocols:** Please observe all the usual protocols, by now familiar to all of us:
 - Maintain at least **1.5 metres** distance between one another
 - Regularly sanitise your hands, preferably after each hand
 - Use good respiratory hygiene
5. **Masks:** These are no longer mandatory, but you are welcome to wear a mask if you choose for whatever reason.
6. **Bidding:** Our usual bidding boxes will be used. You will use the same bidding box throughout the session. E-W will carry their own bidding box to each table when they move. Bidding slips are less desirable unless you have a particular (health) reason for using them.
7. **During Play:** North is the only person who should handle the boards and South the designated user of the Bridgemates.
8. **End of Round:** If any transgression (e.g. an unprotected sneeze or cough) occurred during the round, wipe down all vulnerable surfaces e.g. tabletop (EW), card holders and bridgemates before moving or passing the boards for the next round.
9. **High-Touch Points:** These are surfaces that are touched most frequently e.g. cards, taps, urn, door handles. They should be hygienised as often as possible with either hand sanitiser, wipes, or in the case of taps, with soap and water wash and wipe. Mechanical wiping is preferable. Cards in particular are extremely high-touch points but cannot be sanitised, and so your hands should be rubbed with hand sanitiser or wipes as often as practical, preferably after each board. Other surfaces such as chairs are low-touch points and only need to be wiped down at the end of the session.

- 10. Coffee/Tea Break:** A break will be authorised by the Director mid-session in orderly socially distanced manner. Please sanitise your hands at the table before going to the kitchen and again on resumption of play.
- 11. Close of Play:** Please remember social distancing when checking results on the board or on the screen, writing you names on the entry forms, and when leaving the club.
- 12. Before you Leave the table:** Please double-check that anything at all that has been touched or handled during the session has been sanitised prior to leaving the premises. Sanitising equipment will be available at every point in the club which will be accessed by members, please use. Tabletops, side tabletops and chairs should be wiped, table bins emptied (by West), and windows and curtains closed.
- 13. Before you Leave the club:** Please check that the dishwasher is on, all bins have been emptied appropriately and all toilet and other high-touch surfaces (door handles, taps, urn, benches) have been sanitised.

COVID19 VACCINATION POLICY

This "COVID19 SAFE PLAN" should be read in conjunction with the "COVID19 VACCINATION POLICY" document on our website at http://www.townsville.bridgeaustralia.org/documents/TBC_VaccinationPolicy.pdf