

CHANGE TO VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

The Management Committee has decided that it is no longer necessary for the Club to require that all players must be vaccinated against COVID 19. Effective immediately the rule that players have to be vaccinated is cancelled.

In making this decision we noted that medical advice about the newer COVID variants suggests that vaccinations work best at protecting a vaccinated person from severe illness rather than stopping them from getting infected in the first place. It seems that there is not a great difference in how easy it is for vaccinated and unvaccinated persons to get infected and then infect someone else. Stopping unvaccinated persons from entering the Club is probably of little benefit to Club members.

We are not ignoring common sense precautions and remind you of the following:

- If you have any cold or flu symptoms **YOU MUST STAY AWAY** until your symptoms have cleared, even if a test shows that you don't have COVID. Ordinary colds and flu don't show up on a COVID test and if you have a cold or flu you shouldn't be at the Club.
- If you are a close contact of an infected person **YOU MUST STAY AWAY**. Medical advice is that close contacts should leave home only for essential activities, and playing bridge is not an essential activity.
- We strongly encourage you to wear a mask – this is the best way of reducing your chances of getting infected. We know that wearing a mask is a nuisance but it's probably less of a nuisance than suffering from COVID.
- Make regular use of the hand sanitiser that is available at all tables.
- If someone at the Club shows any cold or flu symptoms, directors are authorised to require the person to leave the premises. If at any time you are concerned that someone is showing such symptoms please advise the director. Your fellow members will thank you for doing so.

Authorised by the Management Committee