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**South Canberra Bridge Club**

**COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN v7 (from 9 January 2024)**

This COVID-19 Safety Plan for face-to-face bridge sessions takes account of restrictions and guidance for the ACT in place as at 3 January 2024.

**CURRENT SITUATION**

As at 3 January 2024, the ACT has no public health restrictions in place. However, Canberrans are still being strongly encouraged to follow COVID Smart behaviours<sup>1</sup>. These include:

- being fully vaccinated
- speaking to your healthcare team before you become unwell
- washing and sanitising your hands regularly
- physically distancing
- wearing a mask in indoor public places
- testing for COVID if you have symptoms, and remaining at home until you feel better.

The ACT Government website also provides guidance for the following situations:

- what to do if diagnosed as having COVID-19<sup>2</sup>
- what to do if symptomatic of COVID-19<sup>3</sup>
- what to do if exposed to someone diagnosed as having COVID-19.<sup>4</sup>

**YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES**

Members and guests need to consider their individual risk situation in deciding whether to play bridge face to face. In this regard it is important to note that:

- we cannot practically apply some of the recommended behaviours;
- we do not ask attendees about their vaccination status; and
- as a club, we are not in a position to know whether attendees are complying with government guidance or our Club's protocols.

With the above in mind, we ask that you keep yourself up-to-date with the Government's guidance and embrace our club's protocols with goodwill.

**SCBC PROTOCOLS**

The club protocols are as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> [COVID Smart behaviours - COVID-19 \(act.gov.au\)](https://www.act.gov.au/health-and-safety/covid-19/covid-smart-behaviours)

<sup>2</sup> [Information for people who test positive for COVID-19 - COVID-19 \(act.gov.au\)](https://www.act.gov.au/health-and-safety/covid-19/information-for-people-who-test-positive-for-covid-19)

<sup>3</sup> [COVID Smart behaviours - COVID-19 \(act.gov.au\)](https://www.act.gov.au/health-and-safety/covid-19/covid-smart-behaviours)

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- You should not attend a face-to-face session if:
  - you are unwell, or
  - you have COVID-19 symptoms<sup>5</sup>, or
  - you are awaiting a COVID test result, or
  - you are in continual close contact with someone who has COVID (e.g. a member of your household)
- If attending a session after being exposed to COVID (not being a continual close contact), follow the particular guidance of the ACT Government<sup>6</sup>
- If attending a session, you should be prepared to follow the directions of the session director who has a discretion to take reasonable steps to protect attendees e.g.
  - being asked to take a non-invasive temperature check or
  - being asked to leave if the director believes the person is unwell or
  - being asked to sit at an enlarged table arrangement
- When at the session, you should observe the our Club's playing protocols
- After the session, you should notify our Club's COVID-19 Officer straight away if you are diagnosed with COVID or develop symptoms leading to COVID within 2 or 3 days of playing.
  - the Club's COVID-19 officer is Kevin Caruana (0448 545444 or caruak@gmail.com).
  - Others at the session will be notified - your identity will not be disclosed.
  - The notification will include advice that COVID can take up to 14 days to develop.

Our Club's playing protocols (which incorporate the Southern Cross Club's advice<sup>7</sup>) are as follows:

- Bring the right amount for table fees (\$4/\$6)
- On arriving in the Community Room:
  - Go to a side table to pick up a tray, then the items to put in it – a bidding box, a small hand sanitiser, a pen and any other items (e.g. scoring sheet).
  - Keep the tray with you for the session, reversing the process at the end of the night (i.e. putting the items back in the appropriate containers).
- Use often the hand sanitiser provide.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- After using the bathroom, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Cover your sneeze or cough (putting any tissues used in a bin) and sanitise your hands afterwards.

The Committee  
9 January 2024

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/healthdirect-coronavirus-covid-19-symptom-checker>

<sup>6</sup> [Information for people exposed to COVID-19 - COVID-19 \(act.gov.au\)](#)

<sup>7</sup> [COVID Safe Procedures at the Southern Cross Club | Canberra Southern Cross Club \(csccl.com.au\)](#)