

## **Grand River Bridge Club (GRBC) Covid-19 Health and Safety Protocols**

All attendees:

- must be fully vaccinated and provide that proof on his/her first visit to the club.
- must not attend the club if they answer yes to any of the pre-screening questions in our GRBC Safety Plan.
- must notify the club if diagnosed with Covid-19 and may have been at the club while contagious.
- must wear a face mask properly covering nose and mouth at all times except when in the designated eating/drinking area.
- must hand sanitize upon entry and wash hands once before starting to play. There will be hand sanitizer at all tables which we encourage our players to use frequently.

GRBC will be following all Public Health requirements and recommendations that are applicable to us.

GRBC will ensure:

- Any disinfectants that we use and that our contracted cleaning company uses, will be approved by Health Canada for efficacy against human corona viruses which includes Covid-19.
- The frequently touched surfaces (door knobs, handles, taps, switches, keyboard, bridgemates, etc.) will be disinfected at a frequency that meets the standard defined by Public Health requirements and recommendations.
- Disinfecting wipes will be available for attendees to sanitize items of personal concern.
- Weekly cleaning by a professional cleaning company.
- Our playing tables will be spaced minimum 4 metre centres.
- The board sets will be rotated so that no set is re-used for at least a week, a length which exceeds the latency period of the coronavirus.
- We run high quality portable air cleaners that filter at better than Hepa standard (99.97% at 0.1 microns).

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## **Covid-19 Safety Plan-GRBC**

When the Grand River Bridge Club re-opens, players will use the following processes to ensure we do so in a safe manner.

### **PRIOR to arrival at the bridge club**

1. All persons wishing to attend should pre-screen prior to arrival answering the following questions:
  - a) Are you currently experiencing one or more of the symptoms below that are new or worsening? Symptoms should not be chronic or related to other causes or conditions.
    1. Fever (37.8C/100F or higher) and/or chills?
    2. Cough (not related to asthma, COPD, or other known causes)?
    3. Shortness of breath?
    4. Decrease or loss of smell or taste?
    5. For Adults>18 years-Fatigue. Lethargy, malaise and /or muscle aches/joint pain?
    6. For Children<18 years-Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea?
  - b) Have you travelled outside of Canada? If so, please wait five full days before going to the bridge club.
  - c) Has a doctor, health care provider, or public health unit told you that you should currently be isolating (staying at Home)?
  - d) In the last 14 days, have you been identified as a “close contact” of someone who currently has COVID-19?
  - e) In the last 10 days, have you tested positive on a rapid antigen test or a home-based self-testing kit? If you have since tested negative on a lab-based PCR test, select “No.”
  - f) In the last 10 days, have you received a COVID Alert exposure notification on your cell phone? If you have since tested negative on a lab-based PCR test, select "No."
  - g) Is anyone you live with currently experiencing any new COVID-19 symptoms and/or waiting for test results after experiencing symptoms?
2. After pre-screening at home, any person answering ‘yes’ to one of the above questions should not attend.
3. Ensure you have proof of vaccination and photo ID with you, on your first visit to the bridge club, so that the membership list can be updated to note you are vaccinated.
4. If you wish a refreshment while at the club, please bring your own.

Similarly, if you wish a snack, please bring with you.

### **ARRIVAL at the bridge club**

1. All persons attending the bridge club must show proof of full vaccination, with photo identification, having received their final dose of the vaccine at least 14 days prior to coming to the bridge club. Proof of vaccination will be scanned using the Verify Ontario app.
2. Furthermore, all participants will be required to confirm on arrival that they have successfully pre-screened.
3. All persons in attendance must wear face masks covering the nose and mouth at all times.
4. Players should then go to the game director's desk, to confirm themselves present, pay for the game (preferably using a convenience card or by paying with a debit card, using the Square device). Other methods of payment will be accepted but the two options listed previously are preferred.

### **CLEANING and DISINFECTION**

#### **Hand Sanitizer**

1. Hand sanitizer will be provided for use upon entry, in the washrooms and at each table.
2. Hands should be washed and sanitized prior to play of the initial round. Sanitizer should be used prior to playing each round.
3. Each player is responsible to sanitize their hand more frequently if they deem necessary. They may, if they wish, use latex gloves (self-supplied).

#### **Disinfectant wipes (Clorox) and disposal containers**

1. Available at or near tables.

### **FACILITY SET-UP**

1. Tables will be distanced and spaced four metres (12 feet) apart (centre to centre) to assist in maintaining distance between players. East player will wipe down the table and arm chairs, prior to play.
  - a. A West player will wipe down any knobs or handles (using laminated list) that are touched during that day's play, at the end of the session.

## **Bidding boxes**

Each player will have their own bidding box for the duration of the session.

1. Players will obtain a bidding box from the bidding box container and wipe down the exterior of their bidding box before commencement of play.
2. After a round, the East/West players will retain their bidding boxes and take them to their next table.
3. After completion of the final round each bidding box will be wiped down and returned to the bidding box container.

## **Bridgemates**

Bridgemates will be encased in a clear plastic to facilitate wiping down the exterior.

1. Only one person (either North or South) will touch the bridgemate.
2. The responsible person will wipe down the exterior of their bridgemate before commencement of play.
3. After a score has been entered the score should be shown to a player from East/West and after verbally concurred, the player handling the bridgemate should enter the acceptance.
4. After completion of the final round each bridgemate must be wiped down before returning to the cart.

## **Board Sets**

The club has many sets of duplicate boards.

1. The board sets will be rotated so that no set is re-used for at least a week, a length which exceeds the latency period of the coronavirus.

## **Cards**

1. The cards are normally contained within the duplicate boards, except during play. It is not feasible to prevent players from handling cards, however, at the player's option, latex gloves (supplied by the player) may be used to avoid contacting the cards.
2. The rotation of the board sets, as outlined above, will also protect the cards in that the rotation cycle exceeds the latency period of the coronavirus.

## **REFRESHMENTS and SNACKS**

1. Refreshments need to be brought from home. Individuals who desire a snack, will bring own and eat away from the tables, towards the back of the major room. Refreshments and snacks will be consumed at the designated 'snack' table.

## **COMMUNICATION/Signage**

1. The Safety Plan will be sent by email to all members for whom we have an email address.
2. The Safety Plan will be available on site in hard copy while it is in effect.
3. The screening questions will be prominently displayed at the entrance.
4. Signage outside of coat room, indicating no more than two people at a time.
5. Signage at entrance, noting Fully Vaccinated Requirement.
6. Announcements will be made to remind players of the requirements.
7. Our Safety Plan and our Covid Health and Safety Protocols will be posted on our website.

## **Contact Tracing**

1. A procedure has been written to follow in the event contract tracing is required.
2. Using ACBL Live, the list of players at that game, with the players telephone numbers will be provided to Public Health staff to contact, once the club is made aware of the need for contact tracing.

## **Safety Plan Updates**

1. The Safety Plan will be updated as required to conform to changes to Public Health changes as these become known.