

## **Plymouth Chess Club Covid hygiene measures & guidance**

The Club is adopting the following measures to provide a playing environment that is both safe and feels safe. The opening of the club and the measures themselves will be kept under review and are subject to change depending on the development of the pandemic and public health advice.

1. It is a requirement of our landlord the Bridge Club that users of the premises are fully vaccinated and this is something we support. Therefore all over 16 year olds attending the chess club must be fully vaccinated.
2. There will be a vaccination record sheet kept and on the first evening an individual attends the club they should bring with them proof of vaccination (or evidence of exemption) to be checked by a committee member. This sheet will be kept in the club in a file in a locked cupboard. Once someone has been recorded, they do not need to bring in proof on a subsequent session.
3. The Bridge Club will have its own QR code so that members and visitors can register their presence at the club – please use this if you can. All members must sign in to the club in the normal way and visitors without a Smart phone should register their name, address and telephone number.
4. Masks or visors must be worn at all times in the building by everyone, including by juniors aged 11 and over. This includes when playing at the board.
5. Sanitising: The Bridge Club will provide a foot operated hand sanitiser pump in the entrance to the club. This should be used at the beginning and end of a session. Hand sanitiser will be supplied for each board for use before and after playing as a minimum; Sanitiser wipes will be supplied for wiping down equipment when players leave or move to a different chess set.
6. Bathrooms when used should be wiped down by all after use using Domestos type wipes. – door handles, sink, taps, flush button, toilet seat.
7. We will socially distance the tables as far as possible. If all tables are occupied, additional tables must not be brought into the room even if it means an arranged game cannot be played.
8. The usual practice of hand shaking at the start and end of games should be avoided.
9. It is common practice for members to walk around the room spectating on other games. This is permissible but please keep a safe distance e.g. don't lean over a player's shoulder to look at their score sheet.
10. The room will be as well ventilated as possible. Windows will be kept open unless external noise becomes a distraction.
11. Monday club evenings have traditionally been significantly busier than Wednesday. Players are encouraged to make use of the quieter Wednesday evening if possible.
12. Coaching of juniors takes place in the club early Wednesday evening finishing at 6.15. Adults not involved with the juniors are asked to arrive no earlier than 6.25 on these evenings to allow time to clean boards and sets used by the juniors.
13. If you test positive for Covid you should inform the Secretary if you have attended the club in the previous 2 weeks.
14. Please do not attend the club if you have any symptoms associated with Covid even if you have tested negative.
15. Until we are sure the measures are embedded, on each club evening a committee member will be on hand to ensure they are adhered to.