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To Club Secretaries
CC Regions

Note and Advisory No 10

This note and advisory covers two subjects-

1. Bridge under Alert Level 2
2. Congress 2020

Bridge under Alert Level 2

The Board has considered the Governments new settings and concluded Clubs will be able to resume club and organised events provided they meet and adhere to the requirements set out by Government.

We have historically adopted a cautious and conservative path with a single focus of - protection and welfare of the player. It is now clear the Government has more tools at its disposal and has approved gatherings of no more than 100 people can take place.

NB: At Alert level 2 the disease is contained, but there is still a risk of community transmission.

Applicable to all Bridge Clubs in New Zealand

- Gatherings must have no more than 100 people in each defined space*.
(* a defined space has walls or partitions that divide it from other spaces)
- Remind players if they are sick to stay at home.
- Remind players if they have COVID-19 symptoms they must not enter the clubrooms
- Maintain high hygiene standards (wash hands, use hand sanitizer, sneeze, or cough into elbow).
- Maintain contact tracing and display the QR code. Please actively encourage our members to scan this code if they have an appropriate phone.
- Maintain physical distancing from people you do not know, consider wearing a face mask.

Applicable Specifically to Auckland

Gatherings in Auckland are limited to no more than 10 people in each defined space.

This means bridge **cannot recommence in Auckland** until the Government revises the settings under Alert level 2 or the Alert Level is downgraded.

We are acutely aware that we are all dealing with a very fluid situation that we are all trying hard to keep on top of. We will issue future advisories should the situation change.

We encourage you to refer to the COVID-19 website (<https://covid19.govt.nz/>) for more information.

Congress 2020

We are hopeful in the coming weeks Public Health will have the Auckland community transmission outbreak under control and that there are no further community outbreaks. This may allow the Government to revise the alert settings downward to Alert Level 1. If we are at Alert Level 1 then Congress will proceed. In the event we are at Alert level 2 Congress will not take place.

We are conscious people will have travel and accommodation in place and want some certainty. We are keen for Congress to go ahead and plan to leave any decision to cancel the event until as late as possible. Unfortunately, we can provide no guarantee.

Regards

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