

Stockport Chess Club – Covid Guidance

Preventing introduction

Vaccination

- The Club strongly encourages all members who have been offered a vaccination to be vaccinated against Covid-19.

Lateral Flow Testing

- The Club encourages, but does not require, visitors and members to take a Lateral Flow Test before attending the Club and thereafter attend only if the test is negative.
- Lateral Flow Tests are available free-of-charge and can be ordered online or collected from pharmacies.
- The Club will endeavour to provide Lateral Flow Tests for members who wish to take one on the night. Members are encouraged, if they wish, to take a test home whenever there is availability to use the following week before attending the Club.
- Should someone attend the Club, take a Lateral Flow Test on the night, and receive a positive result (i.e. indicating Covid-19) then all members will be asked to leave immediately to minimise the chance of transmission.

Symptoms

- **Anyone who has, or has recently had, symptoms of Covid-19 must not attend the Club.**
- Symptoms include: a new, persistent cough; a high temperature; fever or chills; headache; muscle or body aches; loss of taste and/or smell; difficulty breathing or shortness of breath; fatigue; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; sneezing.
- Anyone who experiences symptoms should not attend the Club until they have had a negative PCR test.

Close contacts

- **Anyone who is self-isolating**, having been in close contact with someone diagnosed with Covid-19, **must not attend the Club.**
- **Anyone who has been in close contact with someone displaying symptoms of Covid-19** (see above) or **who has since developed symptoms of Covid-19**, should **not attend the Club** even if that person has not yet tested positive for Covid-19.
- Anyone who has been in close contact with someone who has returned from abroad in the last 10 days (from an amber or red list country) should not attend the Club.

Reducing transmission

Masks

- **Masks must be worn in the playing area at all times**, except when drinking, unless a player is exempt from the government requirement.
- **Attendees will be expected to bring their own mask.**

Distance

- Boards should be spaced out throughout the room(s) as much as possible. As an indication this means only one board per table, and “corridors” should be left between neighbouring tables.
- **Attendees should socially distance as much as possible**, in particular when entering, leaving, or standing around talking.

Ventilation

- The main doors to the room should be propped open and windows opened where possible to permit fresh air into the venue.
- Electric fans are to be set up to create an air flow out of the main room and draw outside air in through the windows.

Spectating

- Spectators should stand well clear of the board and not move around between boards.

Sanitizer

- Attendees should use the hand sanitizer provided when entering the venue, as well as whenever re-entering the playing area (e.g. after using the facilities, or going down to the bar).
- Attendees are encouraged to use hand sanitizer as frequently as they feel appropriate, in addition to the previous requirement.

Contact tracing

Contact Details

- Attendees should comply with any requirements by the Ladybrook to provide contact details, and are encouraged to “check in” on the NHS-app.
- To facilitate contact tracing, the Club will maintain its own attendance register each evening, as such:
 - visitors and non-members must ensure they provide a point of contact (phone number or email) to one of the Club Officers (President Mike Taylor, Secretary Gareth Griffiths, or Club Captains Andy Stoker, Andy Coe, and Ian Anderson);
 - all members should ensure their contact details (e-mail and phone number) are up-to-date through one of the Club Officers.