

Stockport Chess Club - Covid-19 Risk Assessment

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Risks concerning introducing infection

Risk	Comment	Mitigation	Action(s) to be taken
Attendance by symptomatic persons		<p>Members and visitors to be made aware of the symptoms of Covid-19 (including newer indicators seen in the double vaccinated that have not been so well publicised)</p> <p>All members and visitors to be made aware that they must not attend if they show any of these symptoms, or have recently shown any of these symptoms unless/until they have had a negative PCR test</p> <p>Any player(s) displaying symptoms on the night will be asked to leave the venue</p>	<p>Club COVID guidance to be emailed to all members and clearly posted at the venue (noticeboard, and entrance doorway)</p>
Attendance by asymptomatic persons		<p>Club to encourage (but not require) that all attendees have been double vaccinated (reducing, but not eliminating, the risk of catching the virus)</p> <p>Club to encourage, but not require, the use of the Rapid Antigen Tests (lateral flow tests) by attendees before coming to the club</p> <p>Members and visitors are to be made aware that upon a positive result from a Rapid Antigen Test they must not attend the club until/unless they have a negative PCR test</p> <p>Members and visitors to be made aware that anyone who is self-isolating, having been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, must not attend</p> <p>Members and visitors who have recently been in close contact with someone who is displaying symptoms of Covid-19, or who has developed symptoms of Covid-19, are not to attend the Club</p>	<p>Club to provide Rapid Antigen Tests on the night</p> <p>Club COVID guidance to be emailed to all members and clearly posted at the venue (noticeboard, and entrance doorway)</p>

Risks concerning transmission of the virus

Risk	Comment	Mitigation	Action(s) to be taken
Attendance by people in a vulnerable group	Potential attendees to be advised of the risks and precautionary measures in place before attending		Club COVID guidance and RA to be emailed to all members before resumption
Transmission by fomites	<p>Covid-19 transmission is primarily airborne. "The risks posed by contacting surfaces in communities are low... Hand disinfection substantially reduces relative risks of transmission... even with low (25% of people) or moderate (50% of people) compliance."</p> <p>As the club only meets weekly, it is felt there is no need to sanitize equipment between club nights.</p>	<p>Provision and use of hand sanitizer upon entrance to the venue, as well as whenever re-entering the playing area (e.g. after use of the facilities, or going down to the bar)</p>	Club to make hand sanitizer available
Transmission by larger particulates	These are exhaled by infected persons through the nose and mouth, and generally fall to the ground rapidly. Masks manage to prevent most of these from escaping.	<p>Attendees to wear masks at all times, except when drinking, unless the player has a genuine medical exemption</p> <p>The club will make it clear that attendees are expected to bring their own masks.</p> <p>The Club to purchase some disposable masks for anyone who does not bring their own</p> <p>Attendees with a medical exemption from mask wearing to be strongly encouraged to take a Rapid Antigen Test prior to attending, and to respect that some players will not feel comfortable playing someone not wearing a mask</p>	<p>Club COVID guidance to be emailed to all member prior to resumption</p> <p>Club to provide disposable masks</p>

	As larger particulates tend to fall to the floor rapidly, maintaining distance between players will also reduce risks of transmission	Boards to be spaced around the room as much as possible	Club to work out maximum capacity of the venue if all players, while playing, are to be kept 1.5m apart
		Spectating to be discouraged, but where unavoidable spectators should stand well back from boards and not circulate between boards. Attendees to be advised to maintain social distancing at all times, especially when entering/exiting (in particular by not passing on the staircase)	Club COVID guidance to be emailed to all members and clearly posted at the venue (noticeboard, and entrance doorway)
	Particulates that do escape masks do so largely from the sides	Boards to be placed obliquely rather than in series (i.e. alternating at 90 degrees) where possible	Designated "Covid-officer" to set up playing area on the night
Transmission by aerosols	These are particles small enough to remain airborne and circulate around the room. Mask wearing reduces the amount exhaled and inhaled, with full compliance being significantly more beneficial than partial. Ventilation, ensuring rapid changeover of the air within the room also reduces the risks of	The main doors to the room are to be propped open, and all windows possible to be opened. Use of a fan to bring in fresh air from outside.	Club to ascertain which windows can be opened Club to look into the acquisition and suitable placement of a fan to allow changeover of air in the venue

Risks concerning other (non-chess) use of the venue

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Facilities		To the extent possible attendees are to use the facilities one at a time	Club to ascertain whether the toilet areas off the landing are suitably ventilated etc.
Bar		Members must follow all restrictions put in place by the Ladybrook Attendees who wish to congregate in the bar are to be encouraged to do so after the chess session rather than prior to or during (to reduce contact with persons not in the chess club)	
Miscellaneous		Hand sanitizer to be used upon re-entering the playing area (after e.g. using the facilities, or going to the bar)	Club to make hand sanitizer available

Mitigation of the risks of any transmission that does occur

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Further spread / unknowingly having been exposed		All attendees to provide contact details on the night to facilitate the Club's own contact tracing Attendees to be encouraged to "check in" on the NHS Covid-19 App at the Ladybrook, or provide their name and contact details as required by the venue Attendees to be made aware that if they develop symptoms, or have a positive test, subsequent to attending the Club, that they must inform one of the Club Officers immediately The Club will then contact anyone who was present at the same time to alert them to the possibility of transmission Anyone so alerted must not return to the Club until they have had a negative PCR test	Designated "Covid-officer" to collect details each week Club COVID guidance to be emailed to all members and clearly posted at the venue