

### **Surbiton Chess Club COVID policy**

Aside from the one legal requirement, noted below, the remainder of this advice is guidance, it is not mandatory. However, we hope that chess players who have their own, as well as their chess playing fellows, best interests at heart will choose to follow this advice. It is a matter of each individual's personal responsibility to protect each other.

The committee will keep this policy under review and will comply with the prevailing government guidelines.

- Members should keep in touch with government guidelines and mandates [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#). The following is based on the current version as at the date below
- Members should avoid bringing the virus to matches or meetings by:
  - Not attending if you have tested positive for COVID (this is a legal requirement)
  - Not attending if you have any COVID symptoms or if you don't feel well
  - Getting fully vaccinated
  - Taking a lateral flow test prior to the event [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- The club will mitigate airborne transmission by:
  - Asking members to only use the Elgar Avenue entrance to avoid other groups
  - Ventilating the venue as far as is practicable
  - Asking members, if you are not exempt and can tolerate it, to wear a mask
    - For clarity
      - Anyone can wear a mask
      - No one will be forced to wear a mask
      - No one can ask another to wear or remove a mask
  - Spacing out tables as far as is practicable
  - Asking members to avoid congregating around boards
- Members should avoid touch transmission by:
  - Using hand sanitizer that the venue owners will provide at the entrance
  - Avoiding common touch points such as refreshment areas where possible