

## St. Thomas Duplicate Bridge Club

### COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

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#### 1. Preamble

The St. Thomas Duplicate Bridge Club (“the Club”) has prepared this Safety Plan (“the Plan”) in order to comply with the requirements of Section 3.3 of the **Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020** (“the Act”) and **Ontario Regulation 364/20** (“the Regulations”) as amended by October 25, 2021.

The Club will conduct bridge games in facilities rented from the St. Thomas Senior Centre (“the Centre”) and will comply with all directives from the Centre with respect to Covid-19 protocols.

Under the Regulations, the Centre has prepared its own COVID-19 Safety Plan.

Wherever there is a conflict between this Plan and the provisions of the Act and/or Regulations and/or the Centre’s COVID-19 Safety Plan, the Act and/or Regulations, or Centre’s plan will prevail.

#### 2. Precautions

##### a. Vaccinations

All persons in attendance must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

In accordance with current Regulations

*“A person is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 if,*

*(a) they have received,*

*i. the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of such vaccines,*

*ii. one or two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada, followed by one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or*

*iii. three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada; and*

*(b) they received their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days before seeking access to the premises.”*

##### b. Masks

i. All persons in attendance must wear face masks covering the nose and mouth at all times, except to consume food or drink at a designated break area.

##### c. Screening

The Club shall confirm that all participants have proof of COVID-19 vaccination with photo identification.

i. All persons wishing to attend should pre-screen prior to arrival answering the following questions]<sup>1</sup>:

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<sup>1</sup> [Ontario Ministry of Health [COVID-19 Screening Tool for Businesses and Organizations \(Screening Patrons\) \(ontario.ca\)](https://www.ontario.ca/covid-19-screening-tool)]

1. Are you currently experiencing one or more of the symptoms below that are new or worsening? Symptoms should not be chronic or related to other known causes or conditions.
  - a. Fever (37.8°C/100°F or higher) and/or chills?
  - b. Cough or barking cough (croup)?
  - c. Shortness of breath?
  - d. Decrease or loss of smell or taste?
  - e. For Adults > 18 years - Fatigue, Lethargy, malaise and/or muscle aches/joint pain?
  - f. For Children < 18 years - Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea?
2. In the last 14 days, have you travelled outside of Canada AND been advised to quarantine (as per the federal quarantine requirements)?
3. Has a doctor, health care provider, or public health unit told you that you should currently be isolating (staying at home)?
4. In the last 10 days, have you been identified as a “close contact” of someone who currently has COVID-19?
5. In the last 10 days, have you tested positive on a rapid antigen test or a homebased self-testing?
  - ii. Any person answering “yes” to one of the above questions may not attend.
  - iii. Anyone attending who has not pre-screened prior to arrival will be required to be screened on site and must pass the on-site screening.
- d. Contact Tracing
  - i. We will maintain a list of all participants with their phone numbers.
  - ii. The list will be made available to the Centre and/or the appropriate public health authorities, who will treat it with confidentiality as required by the Regulations.
- e. Coffee and Snack Service
  - i. Availability of coffee and/or snack service will be at the discretion of the Centre.
- f. Flow of Traffic
  - i. Enter and exit the building through the back doors.
  - ii. Participants should not congregate in groups except for the specific purpose of bridge play.
  - iii. No loitering is allowed in the building.
  - iv. The Director’s table is a specific area that should be kept clear. No congregating around the scoring table.
  - v. Participants should avoid touching any surface unnecessarily,
- g. Facility Set-Up
  - i. If possible, tables will be spaced at least 3 metres apart (centre to centre) to assist in maintaining distance between players.
- h. Cleaning and Disinfection
  - i. Hand sanitizers
    1. Available at:
      - a. the main entrance,
      - b. the washrooms,
      - c. and at each table.
    2. Hands should be sanitized prior to play of the initial round and after replacing cards in boards and exchanging the boards at the end of each round.

3. Each player is responsible to sanitize their hands more frequently if they deem necessary. They may, if they wish, use latex or nitrile gloves (self-supplied).
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- ii. Disinfectant wipes and disposal containers
  1. Available at or near all tables
- iii. Tables
  1. Players will wipe surface of table down before commencement of play
  2. After completion of the final round the entire table surface will be wiped down
- iv. Bidding boxes
 

Each player will have their own bidding box for the duration of the session

  1. Players will wipe table down the exterior of their bidding box before commencement of play
  2. After a round change, the East/West players will retain their bidding boxes and take them to their next table.
  3. After completion of the final round each bidding box will be wiped down
- v. Bridgmates
  1. Players will wipe table down the exterior of their Bridgmate before commencement of play.
  2. To lessen the contacts, only one player at the table should use the Bridgmate (either North or South, usually North).
  3. After a score has been entered the score should be shown to a player from East/West and, after being verbally concurred, the player handling the Bridgmate should enter the acceptance.
  4. After completion of the final round each Bridgmate must be wiped down before being returned to the case.
- vi. Duplicate Boards
 

The Club has several sets of duplicate boards.

  1. The board sets will be rotated so that no set is re-used for at least one week, a length which exceeds the latency period of the coronavirus.
- vii. Cards
  1. The cards are normally contained within the duplicate boards, except during play. It is not feasible to prevent players from handling cards, however, at the player's option, latex or nitrile gloves (supplied by the player) may be used to avoid contacting the cards.
  2. The rotation of the board sets as outlined above will provide also to protect the cards in that the rotation cycle exceeds the latency period of the coronavirus.

### 3. Communication/Signage

- i. This safety plan will be sent by email to all members for whom we have an email address.
- ii. The most recent revision of the plan will be posted to the club's website.
- iii. The plan will be available on site in hard copy while it is in effect.
- iv. The screening questions will be prominently displayed at the entrance.
- v. Announcements will be made to remind players of the requirements.