



NORTHERN SUBURBS BRIDGE CLUB

Hendra, Brisbane

COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY - EFFECTIVE FROM 17/12/2021 (*possibly sooner*)

Introduction

The Queensland Government has announced that inter-State travel restrictions will be eased from 17 December 2021. This may happen earlier if 80% of our population is fully vaccinated prior to this date. This easing will increase the risk of Covid-19 virus transmission within our community.

The Queensland Government has issued guidelines operative from 17 December 2021 which permit only **fully vaccinated** people to enter certain venues, including Bridge clubs. This means that people who are unvaccinated (*even if they have a medical certificate exempting them from being vaccinated*) are excluded.

The Bridge community in Queensland consists of a large percentage of people who are at high risk and otherwise vulnerable to infection from the virus, including many persons who are aged 70 years and above. Many of them have partners or other close family members who are also vulnerable.

The Northern Suburbs Bridge Club Policy

The Northern Suburbs Bridge Club takes seriously its duty of care to try to keep its employees, volunteers, officials and members as safe as possible.

The Northern Suburbs Bridge Club Committee has resolved that, in keeping with Government and community standards and the identical vaccination policy to soon be introduced by the Queensland Bridge Association, the Northern Suburbs Bridge Club will only permit people who are **fully vaccinated** (meaning that they have received double vaccinations) to attend at, or participate in, bridge sessions and bridge events at its clubhouse or premises.

This requirement is not limited just to bridge members and players, but applies to everyone including non-members, non-players, kibitzers, beginners, employees, volunteers, contractors, and food preparers.

From Monday, December 17 the onus is on the individual person to provide satisfactory evidence that they are vaccinated. Satisfactory evidence will be the production of an appropriate current Government issued vaccination certificate (electronically or in paper form). This evidence must be produced to a nominated person for the session on arrival at any bridge session or bridge event at the clubhouse or premises. An upcoming email will inform members how to access their vaccination status before December 17.

Information relating to vaccination status will be treated as confidential, and access to it will be restricted.

We trust that our membership will continue to embrace all necessary procedures and guidelines to keep our members safe as inter-State travel restrictions are eased.

Management Committee,

Northern Suburbs Bridge Club