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Dear Members,

Firstly, I would like to take this time to thank you once again for all of your continued and valued support. You have all been supportive of the Club, the Committee and especially each other and this reiterates what a wonderful group of Members we have.

As you will be aware, the Government announced a few changes regarding the rapidly changing Covid-19 situation at the beginning of the week. Thankfully, for now, there wasn't any mention of another lockdown, but nonetheless there is some reintroducing of previous measures and guidance to update you with.

As it stands (15th December) the Government has stipulated that masks are not, at present, required in Hospitality where food and drink is being served. However, as usual we fall under many brackets and it is now stated that masks are required in Members Clubs and Social Clubs. It also states that masks must be worn in communal areas of hospitality where food and drink isn't being served. Our corridor and toilets fall under this description, so we ask that as a minimum you wear masks (unless exempt) whilst in these areas.

The Government is asking people to sign in with the QR code again. As you know, if we have 2 cases, we have to inform PHE. With this in mind and in line with other business expectations we need to ask that you sign in each time you visit the Club again, so that we can either pass on information regarding contact or know that people have registered their visit which is accessible to NHS Test and Trace. This is also applicable to anyone taking part in any water activities (QR code posters are accessible from outside).

The advice is to ensure that protective screens are in place to help protect staff and customers where face-to-face contact could be made (i.e point of sale / service). This means that we will be reinstalling at least 2 screens along the main bar area. This allows for a protective area for staff and customers when ordering drinks.

We will continue to ensure that the Club is ventilated and tables and chairs are regularly sanitised between use. Contactless paying is encouraged again to help reduce transmission, so if possible we ask that you pay by this method.

With regard to contact with Covid-19, there has also been an announcement that if anyone who is fully vaccinated comes into contact with any Covid-19 variant, they need to lateral flow test daily after contact for 7 days. If they are not fully vaccinated, they need to isolate for **7 days, and have negative lateral flow tests on day 6 and 7 (updated 22 Dec)**. We urge you to follow this guidance. Please also ensure that if you have any symptoms or have travelled back from a Country that is applicable, you do not visit the Club for any purpose, but stay at home and take a lateral flow / PCR test as applicable.

We are doing everything that we can to reduce the risk to you and our staff and ensuring that we are complying with the Government and RYA. In addition to the above measures, we will also ensure that staff carry out lateral flow tests on a Friday and Monday and record their temperatures at the start of each shift. So that we can remain open and as safe as possible, we ask that you follow and respect the measures and guidelines that we put in place. We want you all to stay safe, to avoid any Covid-19 within the Club and for it to remain open. If we don't exercise caution, we run the risk of closure.

As always, thank you for your support. Warmest wishes,

Rachael, BRSC Commodore