

Bankstown Sports – Update Regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

An important update for members, guests and visitors of; Bankstown Sports, Bankstown Sports Bowls, The Acres Club, Birrong Sports, Auburn Tennis Club and Baulkham Hills Sports.

As a community-based organisation, we are taking advice on COVID-19 (Coronavirus) seriously, and as a result have implemented the following measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our staff, members, guests and tenants. Our primary concern will be to protect people, ensure our obligations under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* (NSW) and maintain our duty of care to our staff and anyone on our premises.

Visiting our venues

Please be advised that all persons who have returned from overseas from midnight Monday 16 March 2020, or been in contact with people who have returned from overseas travel are required by law to self-isolate for a period of 14 days and as a result will not be permitted to enter our premises.

Anyone whose place of employment, education or socialisation that has been closed due to a confirmed case of COVID-19 are not to enter also.

All persons who experience or show signs of flu like symptoms are not to enter our venues. These symptoms may include fever, cough, sore throat, tiredness and shortness of breath. Anyone who are onsite and showing flu like symptoms will be asked to leave the premises.

We encourage all persons who are experiencing flu like symptoms to follow the advice of NSW Health. For more information on COVID-19 visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus.

Precautions when visiting our venues

We encourage all staff, members, guests and visitors to practise good hygiene at all times, and we have increased signage, offerings and practices to encourage you to do so.

We are instituting frequent sanitisation of “high touch areas” including bathrooms, door handles and buttons. In addition to this, hand sanitiser bottles and dispensers are dispersed throughout our clubs – we encourage you to use these regularly and seek staff assistance if required. Sanitisers are available at doors for use specifically upon entry and exit also.

While we always maintain a high level of cleanliness at all our venues, processes and frequency have been increased to maximise the hygiene standards throughout all areas. You can read more about our cleaning processes and products [here](#).

All staff will be discouraged from engaging in personal contact, such as the shaking of hands with fellow staff, members and guests. Please do not take this in any other way than as a preventative and control measure to help prevent the spread of viruses.

While onsite at our venues, staff, members, guests and visitors are encouraged to practise good personal hygiene including:

- cleaning your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub
- cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or flexed elbow.

Precautions for Events, Entertainment and Functions

The COVID-19 situation continues to evolve rapidly. Following advice from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) on 13 March 2020 it is recommended that non-essential, organised gatherings be limited to fewer than 500 people.

In the best interest of our staff, members, guests and visitors we have;

- **Cancelled large events and conferences that would have exceeded this capacity – organisers and ticket holders have been advised if they are affected.**
- **Postponed our current Member Draws; including the Wednesday Members' Draws, and the current Draw Till You Win Promotion.** Updates will come in time. NSW TPLs have been placed on hold.
- Heavily reduced the number of school holiday activities, including the cancellation of movies. Current offerings are advertised but these may be subject to change.
- Cancelled some planned Easter activities.
- Placed precautionary holds on seats to ticketed events with allocated seating, to enable attendees to practice social distancing of the recommended 1.5 metres.

While all Australians are encouraged to exercise personal responsibility for social distancing, there are no current restrictions recommended on attending public spaces.

For non-essential organised gatherings with fewer than 500 attendees, NSW Health recommends that organisers:

- remind attendees and staff not to attend if they are feeling unwell
- remind attendees and staff not to attend if they have travelled overseas in the past 14 days
- ensure emergency management practices are up to date
- brief staff on how to practise good hygiene and make it easy for staff and attendees to practise good hygiene
- have adequate hand washing facilities available

NSW Health also offers the following advice for attendees:

- stay home and do not attend if you are feeling unwell
- stay home and do not attend if you have travelled overseas in the past 14 days.

Should the advice from AHPPC change, Bankstown Sports and Associated Venues will update this policy accordingly.

We encourage attendees of organised functions and events at the Club to liaise directly with those organisers, rather than our venues specifically.

Precautions in our Restaurants

Bankstown Sports and Associated Venues are taking our responsibility seriously and have implemented a number of temporary measures in dining facilities which include:

- Removal of cutlery from all tables. Cutlery will be delivered with your meals
- Introduction of digital menus as a primary means of information, as well as sanitising menus after each use in instances where digital solutions cannot be provided
- Increased sanitation of all work and public spaces
- Monitored occupancy in restaurants to allow customers to action social distancing, including the removal of tables and chairs in some instances
- Additional staff training
- Increased use of gloves, including in the acceptance of deliveries
- Removal of 'help yourself' sauce and cutlery stations

Precautions on our Gaming Floor

In addition to increased cleaning and sanitising measures, we will also be offering alternate gaming machines only, to encourage social distancing whilst in play.

Persons who do not cooperate with our advice in relation to COVID-19 will be asked to leave our premises.

We ask for your complete cooperation and understanding as we continue our commitment to offering a quality-based community hub for all people of our community to enjoy.

If you have any questions, please seek to liaise with our Club's management.

Further updates may apply.

