

# WASH, WIPE, PLAY!

**A COV-19 response from a TD willing to run games as long as we are allowed, if players keep coming and commit to getting on board to delay the spread.**

1. Put a packet of disinfectant wipes available to each table and a box of tissues.
2. Avoid coming to the playing area until absolutely necessary (I suggest not before 6.30pm for a 6.45pm start) – this gives your TD/organisers time to do extra preparations without you a) undoing all their good work, and b) making them coming in much earlier c) coming early and offering to help – please don't - we are amateurs doing our best with the information we have to clean and setup ready for you, and your well intended "assistance" can ruin all that effort!
3. We will change the cards regularly. Thereafter you can keep cards clean by:
  - (1) Wash your hands as per BBC etc guidelines. In addition **sanitise hands after any accidental touching** of your mouth, eyes, etc before then touching your cards or bidding box
  - (2) **Keep cards away from your face**, especially your mouth. If you keep them far enough away from your face that you cannot breathe on them you will reassure others. **Find a new way to think** if you are one of the many players I've observed who have a Rodin to the mouth pose! Practice at home if these will be new habits for you.
  - (3) Keep your coats, newspapers and handbags off the table.
4. **Play two board** rounds only (ie a maximum 15 minutes at one table)
5. Handle bidding cards only by the bid itself (this is the surface portion that we'll sanitise regularly)
6. Tables are typically one metre square, so if we keep our **elbows off the tables** our faces will remain more than one metre from our partner and as distant as is practical from opponents. We will put up less tables and space them further apart too.
7. **Minimise conversation** in very close contact. Move away from conversations straightaway if you are uncomfortable with the lack of distance, potential transfers of droplets. Agree not to take any offence.
8. Use our **own telephones for scoring** (easy to keep clean and handled only by yourself)
9. Table money. Let's not pay at the table anymore - Either pay as you enter and wash your hands before going to the table, or better still pay online before you leave home.
10. Bidding boxes – **use a wipe to sanitise the bids portion** of your bidding box when you open your box. If you thereafter cough as you bid, use a wipe again. (plastic or cardboard can both handle this – especially if you avoid soaking them!) At the end of the evening wipe your bidding box and close it to mark it sanitised).
11. Stay home if you have any cold/flu symptoms – whatever it might be, because it'll worry everyone!

FOLLOW government and health professional advice. And DO suspend old bridge habits.

While information suggests this is not an airborne virus, these measures are designed to help us be safe and comfortable to keep playing together.

And be willing to adapt further as we need to.