



17 June 2021

**COVID 19 – THIRD WAVE | LEVEL 3**

Dear Member

Covid-19 cases continue to surge and a large number of positive cases are being reported in the golfing/member community on a daily basis. The effect of the virus is far too close with many members, family, colleagues and friends in isolation or hospital.

In the national address on Tuesday evening (15 June 2021), President Cyril Ramaphosa said, “South Africa has a mountain to climb” and has announced that lockdown regulations will be tightened as the country grapples with the third wave of the virus.

As the country moves back to level three, the Club continues to take a responsible and proactive approach in handling risk mitigation and protocol enforcement. This is being done with urgency and extreme care to ensure our facility remains as safe as possible for members, guests and staff. Your well-being, health and safety remains our number one priority.

Please take the time to study this communication in detail before returning to the Club and we remind all persons, despite the Club taking every precaution, when you enter the premises of Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club, you do so at your own risk. More than ever, now is the time to work together, support each other, accept responsibility and limit the impact/spread of the virus. We ask you to please take note of the following adjustments in our efforts to prevent onsite transmission and curb the spread of the virus. The following points will apply with immediate effect and until further notice:

- We have moved back to virtual prize giving's.
- Future tee sheets will be set as one tee starts on weekdays. (weekends will remain two tee starts).
- Lockerooms remain open, however shower facilities & shoe cleaning will be closed.
- Handicap terminals will be closed. (please enter scores via the HNA app).
- Indoor venues will be limited to 50 people. (including staff).
- Halfway house will revert back to 'grab and go'. (pre-packaged meals only).
- The complimentary tea & coffee station will be closed.
- No touching of flags on the golf courses.
- Tables and chairs have been reduced, allocated to demarcated areas and are not to be moved.
- Social distancing and wearing of face masks remain compulsory at all times.
- At no point should you get within 1.5 meters of another person.
- When in the clubhouse, please remain behind the 'sneeze screens' at all point of sales.
- Clubhouse 'fogging' will increase from once a week to twice a week.

We continue to appeal to members to use the 'self-check in' method for golf via the Clubmaster app or to utilise the 'self-check in barcode's' available at the bag drop and reception. We also encourage golfers to have one player and one bag per golf cart and to not stay at the Club after golf. The above is not limited to other protocols and guidelines.



**Club Protocol & Re-Enforcement:** Members and guests are reminded that upon entry into the Club, all individuals are required to complete the temperature scan before access is granted and to kindly adhere to all Covid-19 prescripts. These include regular hand sanitising and the compulsory social distancing and wearing of a face mask/buff when not eating or drinking. We continue to ask that should you display any of the commonly recognized symptoms to please refrain from visiting the Club and isolate until a proper diagnosis is established. We also motivate for the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions to isolate and to not visit the Club until the third wave is behind us.

“On behalf of the board, we extend our deepest sympathy to the families who have lost loved ones recently and to those who are ill, we wish you a speedy recovery. Through this phase of the pandemic, we all need to remain extremely vigilant, responsible and play our part. We should all take robust and sensible preventative measures. The Club continues to ensure all actions and measures taken are done so in the best interest of the Club, its members and staff, is lawful, appropriate and remain in-line with all prescripts. We ask members to please do the same. We thank you for your continued understanding, support and cooperation – please stay safe”. *Gordon Odgers, Chairman*

Please continue supporting the Club’s ‘curb side’ delivery service and avoid having to go to the shops in large groups. Home deliveries include groceries, beverages and our wonderful heat & eat meals. All items (packaging) are fully sanitized before delivery and staff have been trained on the responsible practices with the appropriate PPE. Email: [fb@royaljk.co.za](mailto:fb@royaljk.co.za) or WhatsApp 082 9245665.

In closing, to further reduce risk in the Club’s workforce and to minimise disruption, the management team will again be working in split teams and staff will be placed onto two rosters, alongside physical meetings, which have been moved to virtual platforms. The Club is also undertaking a voluntary testing programme for staff who show symptoms and or come into contact with a patron who has tested positive.

Since the current situation remains fluid, we would like you to keep in mind that arrangements might change based on regular monitoring and assessment.

We understand that things are changing at pace right now and we arguably face our biggest Covid-19 challenge yet. The pandemic continues to heighten anxiety, stress and test our resolve on many fronts and we need to remain positive and continue to adjust and rise to each challenge in the best interest of each other’s well-being and our wonderful Club. Wishing you and your family good health and strength as we all do our part to remain ‘together apart’ in the fight against COVID-19.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'C Bentley'.

Christopher Bentley  
**Chief Executive Officer**

We kindly request all members to please inform the office immediately, should you have visited the Club and subsequently tested positive for Covid-19. The Club undertakes to assist with tracing and informing those who have been in ‘close contact’. Should you need any form of support, kindly let us know.