

Memo to Clubs and Members
From Clubs New Zealand Board and National Office
Date 19 March 2020
Subject Indoor Gatherings and Events



Action on Indoor Gatherings and Events

The Ministry of Health has today (Thursday 19th March) announced the cancellation of indoor events with more than 100 people.

[Hon Dr David Clarks press release](#) has specifically acknowledged that this will have implications for the hospitality sector. It is expected that guidance will be available in the next 24-36 hours.

Clubs New Zealand considers these restrictions will not apply to the regular trading activities of clubs, however indoor events such as members draws, weddings, club and interclub tournaments and live performances should be cancelled, the message we are seeing is if in doubt cancel.

Social distancing and regular hand washing remain the best methods for preventing the spread of Covid-19. If a staff member or member or guest is showing signs of illness (cough, fever) they should be asked to leave the club immediately and asked to seek advice from their doctor or Healthline.

Communications with members is critical and we are seeing some great communications from clubs to members with examples of actions taken including;

- Reducing the seating capacity in restaurants to create more space between tables,
- Hand sanitiser stations throughout the club,
- Introducing single use menus,
- Only using contactless payment options and limiting cash handling,

As soon as we are made aware of the guidance for hospitality venues, we will share this with you.

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