

Covid-19 Guidelines for Bowls NZ, Centres and Bowling Clubs

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Level 4 - Eliminate	Key Government Measures	Bowls NZ Internal Measures (and Recommendations for Bowls Centres)	Bowls NZ Recommendations for Bowling Clubs
Community transmission is occurring. Widespread outbreaks and new clusters.	People instructed to stay at home (in their bubble) other than for essential personal movement.	Bowls NZ office shut - ALL staff working from home.	NO activity permitted at any New Zealand bowling club.
	Safe recreational activity is allowed in local area.		
	Travel is severely limited.	Bowls NZ will conduct all business via email / video conferencing / telephone.	All staff and/or volunteers should work from home with the exception of Greenkeepers (see Bowls NZ website for Greenkeeper guidelines)
	All gatherings cancelled and all public venues closed.	ALL Bowls NZ events and competitions postponed or cancelled.	ALL bowling club events and competitions postponed or cancelled.
	Businesses closed except for essential services (e.g. supermarkets, pharmacies, clinics, petrol stations) and lifeline utilities.		Shut ALL bowling club facilities and suspend all work and activities except Greenkeeping (see above)
	Educational facilities closed.		
	Rationing of supplies and requisitioning of facilities possible.		
Reprioritisation of healthcare services.			
Level 3 - Restrict	Key Government measures	Bowls NZ Internal Measures (and recommendations for Bowls Centres)	Bowls NZ Recommendations for Bowling Clubs
Community transmission might be happening. New clusters may emerge but can be controlled through testing and contact tracing.	People instructed to stay home in their bubble other than for essential personal movement – including to go to work, school if they have to or for local recreation.	Bowls NZ office shut - ALL staff working from home.	NO activity permitted at any New Zealand bowling club.
	Physical distancing of two metres outside home (including on public transport), or one metre in controlled environments like schools and workplaces.	ALL Bowls NZ events and competitions postponed or cancelled.	
	Bubbles must stay within their immediate household bubble, but can expand this to reconnect with close family / whanau, or bring in caregivers, or support isolated people. This extended bubble should remain exclusive.		
	Schools (years 1 to 10) and Early Childhood Education centres can safely open, but will have limited capacity. Children should learn at home if possible.		
	People must work from home unless that is not possible.	Bowls NZ will conduct all business via email / video conferencing / telephone.	All staff and/or volunteers should work from home with the exception of Greenkeepers (see Bowls NZ website for Greenkeeper guidelines)
	Businesses can open premises, but cannot physically interact with customers.	Bowls NZ office shut - ALL staff working from home.	NO activity permitted at any New Zealand bowling club.
	Low risk local recreation activities are allowed.		NO activity permitted at any New Zealand bowling club.
	Public venues are closed (e.g. libraries, museums, cinemas, food courts, gyms, pools, playgrounds, markets).		NO activity permitted at any New Zealand bowling club.
	Gatherings of up to 10 people are allowed but only for wedding services, funerals and tangihanga. Physical distancing and public health measures must be maintained.		NO activity permitted at any New Zealand bowling club.
	Healthcare services use virtual, non-contact consultations where possible.		
	Inter-regional travel is highly limited (e.g. for essential workers, with limited exemptions for others).	Bowls NZ will conduct all business via email / video conferencing / telephone.	All staff and/or volunteers should work from home with the exception of Greenkeepers (see Bowls NZ website for Greenkeeper guidelines)
People at high risk of severe illness (older people and those with existing medical conditions) are encouraged to stay at home where possible, and take additional precautions when leaving home. They may choose to work.			

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Level 2 - Reduce	Key Government measures	Bowls NZ Internal Measures (and recommendations for Bowls Centres)	Bowls NZ Recommendations for Bowling Clubs
Household transmission could be occurring. Single or isolated cluster outbreaks.	Physical distancing of one metre outside home (including on public transport).	Bowls NZ office partially open - ALL staff have the option to continue working from home.	ALL Bowls activity limited to roll-up: SINGLES and PAIRS only on wide rinks (min. 5 metres). Clubrooms are limited to 50 persons or less. Clubs should maintain a register of all persons accessing the club facilities (clubrooms and greens).
	Gatherings of up to 100 people indoors and 500 outdoors allowed while maintaining physical distancing and contact tracing requirements.	ALL Bowls NZ events and competitions postponed or cancelled.	ALL Bowling club events and competitions postponed or cancelled. AGM's and Prize-Givings are permitted provided there are no more than 50 persons and the one metre physical distancing rule is obeyed.
	Sport and recreation activities are allowed if conditions on gatherings are met, physical distancing is followed and travel is local.	ALL Bowls NZ events and competitions postponed or cancelled.	ALL Bowls activity limited to roll-up: SINGLES and PAIRS only on a rink.
	Public venues can open but must comply with conditions on gatherings, and undertake public health measures.		Clubrooms are limited to 50 persons or less. Clubs should maintain a register of all persons accessing the club facilities (clubrooms and greens).
	Health services operate as normally as possible.		
	Most businesses open, and business premises can be open for staff and customers with appropriate measures in place. Alternative ways of working encouraged (e.g. remote working, shift-based working, physical distancing, staggering meal breaks, flexible leave).	Bowls NZ office partially open - ALL staff have the option to continue working from home.	Bowling Clubs partially open but with limitations (see above) - all clubs should maintain clean, healthy facilities.
	Schools and Early Childhood Education centres open, with distance learning available for those unable to attend school (e.g. self-isolating).		
	People advised to avoid non-essential inter-regional travel.	Bowls NZ will conduct all business via email / video conferencing / telephone.	ALL Bowling club events and competitions postponed or cancelled. AGM's and Prizegivings are permitted provided there are no more than 50 persons and the one metre physical distancing rule is obeyed.
People at high risk of severe illness (older people and those with existing medical conditions) are encouraged to stay at home where possible, and take additional precautions when leaving home. They may choose to work.			
Level 1 - Prepare	Key Government measures	Bowls NZ Internal Measures (and recommendations for Bowls Centres)	Bowls NZ Recommendations for Bowling Clubs
COVID-19 is uncontrolled overseas. Isolated household transmission could be occurring in New Zealand.	Border entry measures to minimise risk of importing COVID-19 cases.		
	Intensive testing for COVID-19.		
	Rapid contact tracing of any positive case.		
	Self-isolation and quarantine required.		
	Schools and workplaces open, and must operate safely.	Bowls NZ office open - ALL staff have the option to continue working from home.	Bowling Clubs open but with limitations (see below) - all clubs should maintain clean, healthy facilities.
	Physical distancing encouraged.		ALL Bowls activity limited to SINGLES, PAIRS and TRIPLES on wide rinks (min. 5 metres). Clubrooms are limited to 100 persons or less.
	No restrictions on gatherings.	LIMITED Bowls NZ events and competitions.	Bowling club events and competitions (including AGM's and Prize-Givings) are permitted, provided they follow the above guidelines.
	Stay home if you're sick, report flu-like symptoms.		
Wash and dry hands, cough into elbow, don't touch your face.		All clubs should maintain clean, healthy facilities.	
No restrictions on domestic transport – avoid public transport or travel if sick.	NO Bowls NZ involvement in International (offshore) competitions (unless that country has Covid-19 fully controlled).		

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