



# Southport Old Links Golf Club

## Covid 19 Notice

### Face Covering updates

#### 10 December 2021 – Omicron variant actions

As you will be aware, following this week's move by the Government to 'Plan B' due to the Omicron variant becoming more prevalent across the country, new guidance / requirements have been brought into effect.

All changes will affect us across our lives, however from the Golf Club's perspective, there are not too many significantly impacting changes. The Government's key change is the updated Rules on Face Covering usage in many environments.

As often is the case, the guidance and legislation is a little grey when it comes to our specific environment. The legislation does clearly identify Members' Club's as a relevant place where face coverings must be worn. However, it also references in the legislation that Restaurant's and Bar's in Member's Club's are identified as places where face coverings need not be worn.....

**England Golf have highlighted the following key statements in a recent communication:**

"In England, face coverings are now required by law in most indoor public places. Face coverings are not required in hospitality venues where food and drink are consumed.

"Where a premises or part of a premises is being used for an event where the main activities include eating, drinking and dancing, face coverings are not required. Face coverings must be worn in communal areas of the premises not being used for the event.

"In indoor settings where a face covering is not legally required, you should still continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you may come into contact with other people you do not normally meet."

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Having received guidance from England Golf and other advisers, the Club is bringing in the following rule(s) which are believed to be applicable and also sensible to follow in our members' club environment.

**In line with Government requirements face coverings / masks are required in all communal areas of the Clubhouse, with the exception of:**

**Bunker Bar & Snooker area  
Main Lounge  
Small Lounge**

**In all other parts of the Clubhouse face coverings / masks are required.  
ie Locker Rooms, Office, Corridors, Toilets.**

We also recommend that face coverings are worn when entering the building prior to sitting down to enjoy clubhouse hospitality and also when moving around the above highlighted areas despite not being a requirement.

Whilst many of our members are vaccinated and even 'booster jabbed', we have younger members and staff members who may have not received these. Therefore, to ensure everyone's safety, it is hoped that everyone can try to remember to follow these rules as closely and regularly as possible.

This is our first bit of guidance on this and like many government decisions, further information, guidance and changes do happen in the days / weeks following decisions. We will keep a close eye on this and update any regulations / requirements as they develop in the lead up to Christmas.

Thank you for your assistance and understanding with this and let's hope things don't get any more drastic than these current measures being brought in.

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On behalf of Council

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