

Dear member,

The Public Health Order dated 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021, commencing on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 plan is now in place for the re-opening of venues to all visitors and members whether vaccinated or not.

This may cause some of you angst, however, what I can assure you is that a lot of consultation has gone into this decision with the Board reviewing this decision as late as the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

Having gone through one of the biggest outbreaks of COVID in a nursing home this year, we now have a huge amount of knowledge about COVID. We know that 25 people that were double vaccinated and were tested were asymptomatic, meaning they had COVID and didn't have symptoms. We would not have known about them only that we tested everyone daily.

This being said, that was Delta strain and now there is the new strain which may be different, so we are all watching this closely. If the Government changes its position, then we will change accordingly with their advice.

I believe that we are in a difficult position trying to please everyone and have therefore decided to take precautionary measures and request that our own policy of masks be respected until we change the inhouse policy.

Kindest Regards



Kimberley Talbot, Group CEO  
On behalf of the  
Board of Directors