

BCT COVID-19 Statement

(dated 1 March 2022¹)

Dear members,

Further to the Federal government announcements² by The Consultation Committee on 11 February we aim to adhere to their rules.

Since almost all of our events and playgroups involve little children and/or pregnant members we aim to protect our member families as best as we can.

As per government guidelines the **BCT policy is to continue to use the Covid Safe Ticket (CST) and compulsory mask-wearing ("Covid Safe Ticket +") for anyone aged 12 years and above indoors.**

The Consultation Committee³ continues to recommend the wearing of a mask, which will be compulsory in the conditions detailed above, under which the BCT Clubhouse and BCT events fall:

- within the framework of events, both indoors and outdoors and regardless of the size of the event;
- in spaces accessible to the public of establishments belonging to the cultural, festive, sporting, recreational and events sector;

The mask can only be removed inside occasionally for eating and drinking while seated.

The Covid Safe Ticket + is applicable in the following conditions, under which the BCT Clubhouse and BCT events fall:

- in catering establishments (including private events that take place there);
- in theatres, concert halls, music halls, cabarets and other performance halls, multipurpose halls that host cultural activities, indoor circuses, cinemas, museums and amusement parks and other theme parks (interiors).

****Please be prepared to show your CST to the host of the event you are attending****

¹ To be reviewed in March 2022

² We will also adhere to Federal government and Brussels-capital region guidelines.

³ Extract taken from <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/>

BCT members who are hosting or attending a playdate, member course or event – please download the following CST scanning app to your phone in preparation to scan other members CSTs as they arrive at The BCT Clubhouse. We ask that you assist the host in scanning CSTs for the people who come in after you, thank you.

<https://www.covidscan.be/en/>

Playgroups in your home:

If you are hosting a playgroup in your home – **YOU** can decide on the number of people who can participate.

- As a 'host' in your own home you can decide to ask to see a Covid Safe Ticket (**BCT recommended**) and/or use masks and/or social distancing and keeping your home well ventilated.
- For events in your home – please follow local rules and your own discretion.

The Consultative Committee strongly recommends limiting social contacts as much as possible and preferably organizing these contacts outside.

Inside the Clubhouse:

Playgroups (baby, toddler, interest, support, local groups) - spots are limited to 10 adults + children under 12 years (limited due to the number of pram parking places inside the Clubhouse)

- **Members must show their Covid Safe Ticket upon entry**
- **Masks must be worn inside by anyone aged 12 and above.**
- **New: It is no longer necessary for anyone to wear a mask in the Clubhouse garden.**
- Please always ensure the venue is well ventilated (open the window and/or back door).

- If someone doesn't have a CST, we are sorry but [you will not be permitted to attend as per the government guidelines](#)⁴

Adult-only group meetings (Interest/Support/Local groups, Member courses/Workshops/Talks) - spots are limited to 15 adults

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Parties (including private birthday parties, baby showers and BCT seasonal parties) and BCT Events at the Clubhouse:

In accordance with the current COVID-19 regulations, the number permitted within the BCT Clubhouse is **10 adults and 15 children** per event (dynamic parties included).

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As per government guidelines, the BCT can be fined up to EUR2000 if we are in breach of the rules. We would therefore be grateful if you would please respect this decision.

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(These guidelines will be continually reviewed and adapted in accordance with government advice. Any adaptations to this, as a result of changing Covid-19 regulations, must be agreed in writing between BCT and the BCT Member.)

BCT CLUBHOUSE GARDEN

New: Masks are no longer required in the garden.

WHEN DO YOU GET A COVID SAFE TICKET?

You receive a valid Covid Safe Ticket when:

- You possess a vaccination certificate: you've been fully vaccinated for at least two weeks. Receive a QR code on the Covidsafe.be app.
- You have a recovery certificate, valid for a maximum of 180 days after a positive test result
- You took a PCR-test and received a negative result (this result is valid for the day of testing + 48 hours)
- You took an antigen test (performed by medically-schooled personnel) and received a negative result (this result is valid for the day of testing + 24 hours)

How to check a Covid Safe Ticket?

Check that the person's name is correct

View the paper certificate

or

view the **CovidSafe app**

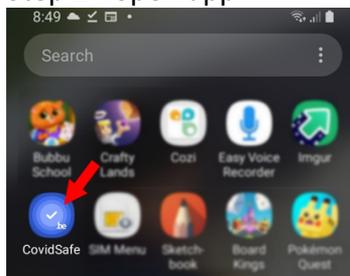
You will be able to use your EU-issued vaccination certificate, even if you do not have the CovidSafe.be app.

For non-European vaccinations, please refer to this site to learn how to register it.

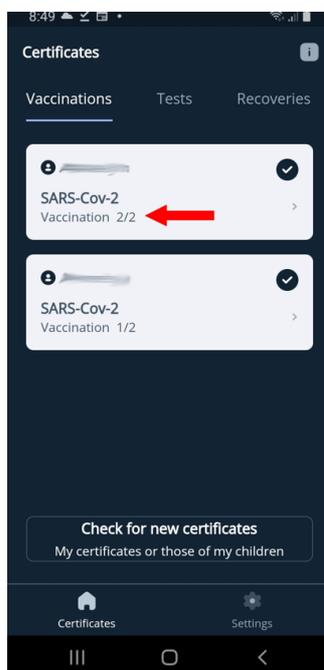
<https://www.commissioner.brussels/en/updates-covid-19/item/881-reconnaissance-vaccins>

To view the CST via the **CovidSafe app**

Step 1 - open app



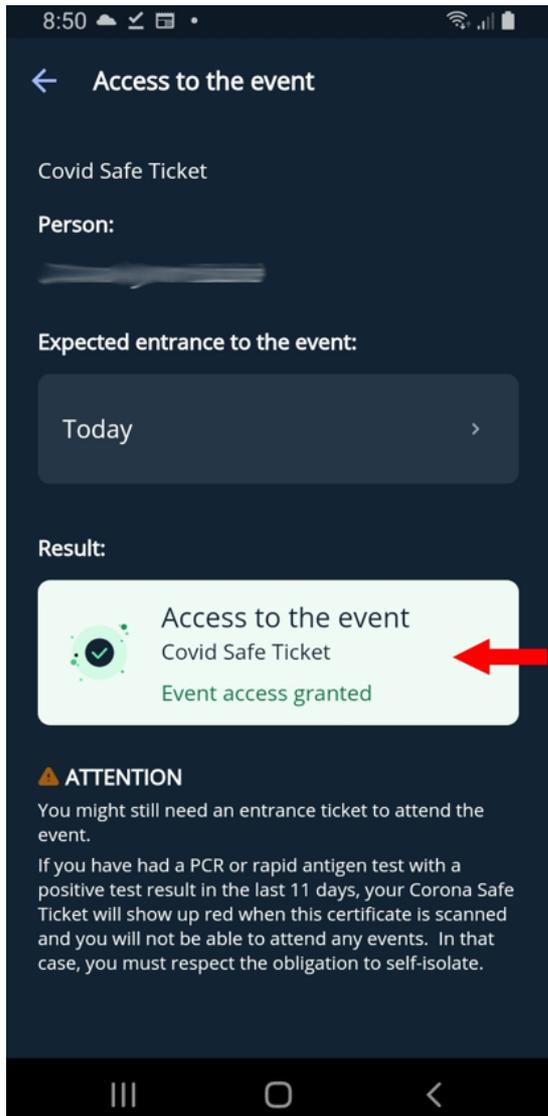
Step 2 - click on your vaccination certificate



Step 3: Scroll down to you see 'Access to the event' and click on it



Step 4: You will see access to event 'Event access granted'



Can we also take this opportunity to remind all members to follow the standard rules:

1. Only attend if you are feeling well.
2. Please remember your BCT membership card. (Or take a photo of it on your telephone).
3. Please only come to the Clubhouse if you have registered for a group. If you do not register and just turn up you may sadly not be able to attend if we have reached our maximum capacity and we would not want you and your child to be disappointed.
4. Please use the hand sanitiser located at the entrance.
5. Please bring your own face mask.

6. Please follow our house rules of removing your shoes at the entrance.
7. **New:** Please inform president@bctbelgium.org if a member shows symptoms of Covid after a BCT playdate or event that they attended. The host or event organiser needs to ensure that they have the names of all attendees.

We look forward to welcoming you at a BCT playgroup, Member course or event very soon!

Take care,

The Executive Board of Directors of the BCT