

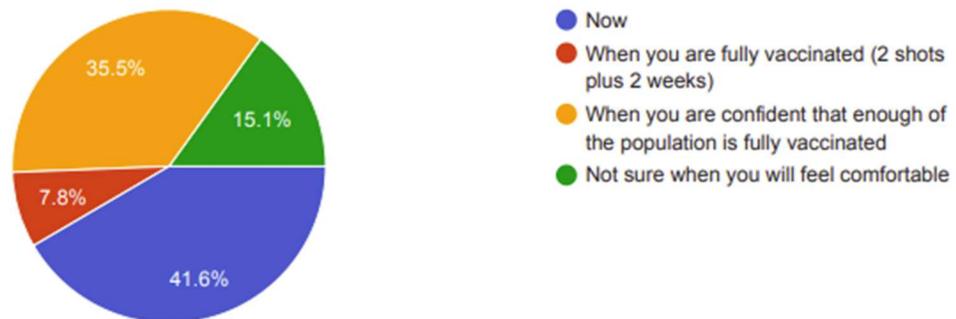
August 16, 2021

Dear Members of the Edmonton Bridge Centre,

Thank you for your patience and response to our July survey. Highlights of the survey responses are: Over half of those contacted responded to the survey. 99% of respondents are fully vaccinated. 85% of respondents are comfortable returning 'now' or when enough are vaccinated. Only 5% indicated they would play online only.

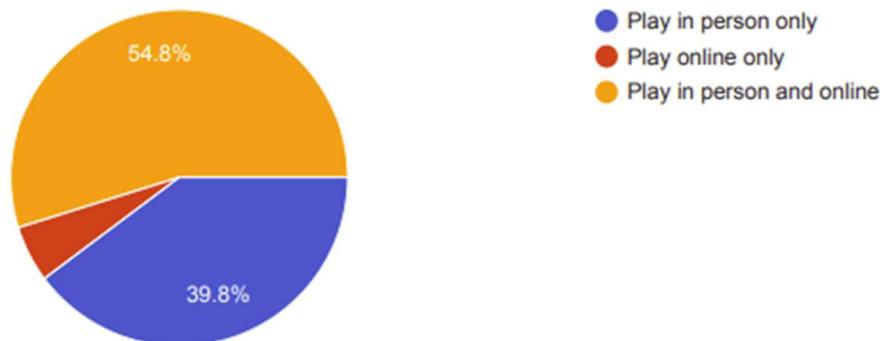
When will you feel comfortable returning to in-person play?

166 responses



When the club reopens, will you?

166 responses



We have always said that we would open our club when the membership feels safe and able to come out. Last week, the Board and I reviewed the survey results of July, considered the COVID situation in Alberta, and the hopes of the membership, and made a policy for reopening the club in September.

The Edmonton Bridge Centre will reopen for live play on Tuesday September 7 with a modified schedule of games. All players entering the club are **required** to be fully vaccinated against COVID. Wearing of masks will be optional. Hand sanitizer will be readily available. The kitchen will remain closed. Individual snacks, coffee and tea will be available. The bar will also be open. We will keep the club well cleaned.

Regarding the schedule, we considered many factors. It may change as we note attendance and interest. As some members need to play online, we will continue some online VACB games. The ACBL is also considering how online bridge will be a part of the future. We do not want our live games to compete directly with online games and we need to consider costs and availability of directors.

The club will be open for regular games Monday through Thursday for duplicate and Saturday afternoon for rubber bridge. We will continue online VACB games on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons. As well, we will have an online Open game on Monday afternoon and an online Intermediate game on Wednesday afternoon, as these were not on our regular club schedule before Covid. Beginner supervised play sessions will be Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and Thursday evenings as attendance warrants. Here is the schedule for September in visual form:

"Face-to-Face" games are shown in BLACK. "Online" games are shown in BLUE.

September 2021

◀ Today ▶

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Open Pairs</i> <i>Int Pairs</i> <hr/> <i>Strat Pairs</i>	2 <i>Open Pairs</i> <i>Int Pairs</i> <hr/> <i>Xpert Pairs</i>	3 <i>Open Pairs</i> <i>Int Pairs</i> <hr/>	4 <i>Strat Pairs</i>
5 <i>Strat Pairs</i>	6 <i>Open Pairs</i> <i>Int Pairs</i> <hr/> <i>Strat Pairs</i>	7 Open Pairs Int Pairs <hr/>	8 Open Pairs <i>Int Pairs</i> Beginners <hr/> Open Pairs Int Pairs	9 Int Pairs <hr/> Xpert Pairs Beginners	10 <i>Open Pairs</i> <i>Int Pairs</i> <hr/>	11 <i>Strat Pairs</i> Beginners Rubber
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We will tell you in September about special events and championships. At this time, we have not planned for an Open House or any lesson series. We are doing our best to make a return to live play for our members safe and viable. Further updates and information about our club is available at our homepage: www.edmontonbridge.ca .

Thank you, everyone, for your interest and participation in our club. Be sure to stay in touch with other members through this difficult time. I look forward to seeing you at the club after September 7. Be a part of our return to live bridge if you can.

Please pass on this letter to others who may not have email or are not on our lists.

Matthew Greenways

Manager