

ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Golf Course Guidance

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf has allowed golf courses to reopen effective May 1 if physical distancing of at least 6 feet can be maintained and courses follow other guidance related to the operation of businesses while prioritizing public health and safety. These outdoor recreational activities provide opportunities for both physical and mental wellbeing.

To ensure the spread of COVID-19 remains contained to the greatest extent possible, golfers and golf courses should observe these guidelines:

For Golfers:

- Stay at home if you are sick or have symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms of COVID-19 include chills fever, cough, shortness of breath, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and, new loss of taste or smell.
- Schedule tee times and pay over the phone or online, if possible, to limit in-person contact.
- Walk the course if you are able. Only one person per golf cart is allowed.
- Maintain at least 6 feet from anyone else in your golf group.
- Practice good hygiene by covering coughs or sneezes with a sleeve or elbow, washing hands frequently for at least 20 seconds, especially after handling money/paying for golf fees and using the restroom, avoiding touching your face.
- Carry hand sanitizer in your golf bag and use often.
- Leave flagsticks in when you putt and pick your ball out of the cup carefully.
- Don't shake hands or give high-fives.
- When your round is over, go home. Don't gather in the parking lot.

For Golf Courses:

- Limit the flow of players each day for physical distancing purposes.
- Allow scheduling of tee times and payment over the phone or online to limit in-person contact.
- Encourage golfers to walk. If a cart is needed, only one person per golf cart is allowed.
- Operations such as landscape maintenance and other maintenance to buildings may continue as necessary to prevent deterioration of property.
- Clean commonly touched surfaces often, including golf carts, with an EPA-approved disinfectant (www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-us-against-sars-cov-2).
- Restaurant activity is limited to take-out or delivery only.
- The use of golf clubhouses for banquets or other gatherings remains prohibited.

The United States Golf Association has resources for golfers and courses on its website at www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/course-care/covid-19-resource-center.html.



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