

Provisional Guidance for Golf Courses

This updated guidance is provided to golf courses by the Tri-County Health Department (TCHD) to assist in ensuring the health and safety of players and the public during the COVID-19 Pandemic. This guidance is intended to supplement guidance provided by CDPHE and available on their [website](#) regarding permissible golf course activities.

Payment for Tee Times:

The day of play, players SHOULD CALL the golf shop and pre-pay for their tee times. Walk-ups are not allowed. Players must either book online or call the golf shop to reserve their tee times. The golf shop should be closed to customer traffic.

Rules for Play:

- All players should be encouraged to walk, if possible. Players should provide their own pull carts. Riding carts shall only be shared between household members and should be sanitized before and after every use.
- The driving range should either be closed or modified to increase range slots to 9-foot wide to adhere to social distancing requirements.
- The Clubhouse should only be open for restroom use. Restaurants are allowed to do take-out food orders; however, under the provisions of Public Health Order 20-22, consumption of food and beverages on-site is not permitted. Therefore, beverage carts, snack carts, snack stands, hot dog stands, and the like, are not allowed.
- Tee time intervals should be spaced out to ensure better distancing between groups.
- All players should be encouraged to maintain a 6-foot distance between themselves and others, except between household members. Course Rangers should be actively monitoring golfers on the course to ensure social distancing and assisting with any player needs.
- All ball gathering devices should be removed from the practice areas.

Additional Modifications to Play:

- Rakes, drinking water coolers, golf ball washers, and water buckets should be removed from the course or otherwise made unavailable.
- Scorecards and pencils should be made available on the first tee. Pencils should not be reused. Players should be encouraged to handle their own scorecard only.
- Clubhouse and on-course bathrooms should be regularly disinfected and treated with extreme caution in regards to cleanliness.
- Cups should be modified to allow players to hole their ball but eliminate the need to touch the flagstick or cup when retrieving the ball.
- Players should be encouraged to refrain from touching or removing flagsticks from any hole
- Players should be encouraged to leave the course immediately after the round is over and maintain a safe 6-foot distance from all players at all times.