

Guidelines for Golf in New Jersey



Golf Facility Best Practices

- Clubhouses not open, outside portion of course open only
- Restaurant facilities are closed or limited to take-out service only
- Place appropriate signage in the parking lot and outside the pro shop briefly outlining the social distancing guidelines
 - Maintain social distance of at least 6 feet at all times over the entire property including parking and practice areas
 - Social distancing applies not only to fellow players but also to golf course employees
- Communicate sanitization plan for frequently trafficked areas: doorknobs, counters, etc.
- Consider remote check in. If not possible, customers should manually swipe their own credit cards; employees are instructed not to handle any cards. Restrict the gathering place in the golf shop. Consider a line that keeps six feet between the check in counter and the next guest. Put marks on the floor or the pavement showing patrons where they should stand in high traffic areas
- Manage the line so that no more than 4 people are in the indoor registration queue at any given time - always 6 feet apart
- Eliminate the act of physically holding ID's, Access Passes or other forms of identification. Staff can view these without touching them.
- Increase starting time intervals to spread players out for registration and on the course
- Players waiting to play should not congregate, always maintain social distancing
- Starters no longer handling receipts - golfers are read the receipt number for starters to record
- No distribution of scorecards or pencils
- No caddies, no bag handlers, players handle only their own equipment and should not pick up discarded items such as used tees or stray golf balls
- Golf bag must always remain in the golfer's possession. After play, no staff member should handle bag. Recommend keeping in car or at home. It should not be returned to the bag room.
- Increase tee time interval to eliminating clusters at the beginning of play and on subsequent tees.
- Only one group on or around the starting tee. Manage the separation of other groups.
- If carts are allowed: single riders only
- Provide plenty of space in the cart staging area
- Sanitation of golf carts after use. Frequent cleaning/sanitizing of golf car high touch areas (i.e. steering wheels, cup holders, seats). Consider having sanitizer wipes available for golfers in the golf cars.
- All cart attendants should wear disposable protective gloves and facemasks.
- No bottles of water or snacks on the course. Players should bring their own or get them from the halfway house when open
- No shotgun starts
- Close Practice facilities or limit use to a specific number on putting, chipping greens. Maintain proper distance between stall at range.
- All bathrooms wiped down and cleaned every few hours. Hand sanitizers available in every bathroom.