



## Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

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### PHASE IV GOLF OPERATIONAL RESTRICTIONS

**Effective Date: June 26, 2020**

With the precautions and operational restrictions outlined below, golf shall be permitted as a recreational activity, effective 6:00AM, June 26, 2020. In addition to the general social distancing standards set forth in the Executive Order, golf courses and golfers need to abide by the following controls.

#### Golf Clubs and Management

- Minimum guidelines
  - Groups must be spaced in tee times intervals so as to limit congregation before, during and after the round.
  - Signage describing operational changes including: no congregating in groups larger than 50, increased frequency of cleaning, no handshakes, and maintain social distancing between players.
  - Driving ranges, practice ranges, chipping greens, and putting greens are permitted. Golfers should remain a minimum six feet apart when within each other in these areas.
  - Dual-rider Motorized golf carts and pull carts are permitted. If two people who do not live in the same household share a cart, they should both wear face coverings while in the cart. Golf courses shall sanitize each cart after each use.
  - Individual caddies are permitted. Caddies should wear face coverings when within six feet of a golfer or caddie. The golf club should have updated parental consent for all caddies under 18. Caddies should not congregate in groups larger than 50.
  - Proshops may reopen so long as they comply with the [retail guidelines](#).
  - Beverage carts are permissible.
  - Hand sanitizer and soap should be present in all restrooms, including those on the course. Restrooms should be sanitized regularly.
  - Locker rooms and showers should be configured with signage, tape, and other markings to ensure members can maintain 6-ft. of social distance.
  - Group activities (outings, league play, and other organized events) and shotgun starts are permitted. Golf courses should develop procedures to ensure that individuals do not congregate in groups excess of 50 before or after the activity.
  - Clubhouses can open and operate any permissible activity set forth in the [Phase 4 guidelines](#).
  - Restaurants and halfway houses can operate in accordance with the [indoor and outdoor dining guidelines](#).
  - Outdoor golf lessons are permissible for individuals and groups of 50 or less, including the golf instructor(s). Individuals should remain a minimum six feet apart during the lesson, or wear face-coverings when within six feet of each other. Individuals should only handle their own golf clubs.
  - Golf club storage/bag rooms are permissible. Individuals should remain a minimum six feet apart or wear face-coverings when within six feet of each other.
  - Indoor golf facilities (simulators, learning centers, etc.) are permissible and should follow the [indoor recreation guidelines](#).



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- Encouraged best practices
  - Encourage online or telephone bookings.
  - If practical, non-household individuals should use their own carts.
  - Provide hand sanitizer in golf carts and on tee boxes.
  - Caddies should minimize touching club handles. Frequent hand sanitization is encouraged.
  - Course operator should eliminate on-course and practice facility touchpoints (i.e. bag drop, benches, ball washes, bunker/sand trap rakes, and golf club rentals,).

### Player Behaviors:

- Minimum guidelines
  - Any players with any symptoms of COVID-19, should not play.
  - In addition, any players from a household with someone with symptoms of COVID-19 should not play.
  - Players and employees should maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) on practice areas, tees, greens, and throughout the round.
- Encouraged best practices
  - Players should handle their own balls.
  - Players should leave the flag in place while putting.
  - Players should bring hand sanitizer with them and use during your round and at the end.
  - Players should bring their own supply of balls, tees, ball markers, and any other equipment needed to play golf.
  - Players should bring their own source of water.
  - No handshakes at the beginning of the round or at the 18<sup>th</sup> hole.