

COVID-19 INFORMATION

GUIDANCE FOR GOLF COURSE AND DRIVING RANGE OPERATORS

Overview

Under current Chief Medical Officer of Health Orders, businesses and entities are required to:

- implement practices to minimize the risk of transmission of infection among attendees;
- provide procedures for rapid response if an attendee develops symptoms of illness;
- ensure that attendees maintain high levels of sanitation and personal hygiene;
- comply, to the extent possible, with the [Workplace Guidance for Business Owners](#), this guidance, and any other applicable Alberta Health guidance found at: <https://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx>.

This document has been developed to support operators of golf courses in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among attendees (including workers, volunteers, patrons and the general public). The guidance provided outlines public health and infection prevention control measures, specific to this setting or activity.

Note: this guidance is not intended for mini golf settings.

COVID-19 Risk Mitigation

Clubhouse and Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Power cart rentals should be used by one individual only, unless being shared by members of the same household or both individuals wear masks.• Power carts may carry two sets/bags of golf clubs; golfers should maintain appropriate distancing when accessing the bags.• Power and pull carts must be cleaned and disinfected after each use.• It is strongly encouraged that tee-times be booked and paid for via online means as a means to ensure capacity control.
Golf Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of golfers, workers and volunteers on the golf course at any one time should be limited to ensure physical distancing is maintained. For example:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Golfers should arrive at the golf course no earlier than 15 minutes before their tee time.◦ After play, golfers should go directly to their carts and park them in designated areas.◦ Ensure the facility has proper protocols in place in the event of lightning, frost and other delays so that there are no contraventions of physical distancing requirements.• Limit opportunities for common surfaces to be touched by golfers. For example:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Remove rakes from sand traps.◦ Institute a “pin stays in” rule.◦ Remove ball washing stands at tees.◦ Remove water stations.◦ Eliminate self-service to pencils and scorecards.◦ Remove or block off benches.◦ Remove sharable items from golf courses and power carts (e.g., sand containers, coolers).
Workplace	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider assigning a greeter or marshal to inform all golfers, workers and volunteers to follow all COVID-19 measures.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regularly clean and disinfect any surfaces and equipment touched by golfers, workers and volunteers.• If portable restrooms are used, they should include hand sanitizer or hand washing stations with soap, paper towel and foot-activated devices adjacent to the units.
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