

County of Sonoma Golf Site Guidance

Use of golf courses and driving ranges should refer to the following guidance:

General Training and Cleanliness:

1. All employees should be trained on proper sanitation, as outlined by the CDC (i.e. washing hands for 20 seconds with soap and water, sneezing into elbows, wearing masks and gloves, staying home if sick).
2. Facilities should create a plan to regularly clean restrooms and sanitize all touch points.
3. All employees and customers should follow Federal, State, and local guidelines for social distancing, masks, and interactions.

Pro Shop Operations:

1. Pro shops should take measures to allow for physical distancing. This includes keeping a minimum of 6 feet distance between individuals inside or outside of the facility. Retail sales should follow state and local retail guidelines (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-retail.pdf>)
2. Consider touchless payment methods, or credit card or online payments only.
3. Food service operations should follow state and local guidelines set forth for restaurants (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-dine-in-restaurants.pdf>).
4. Where physical distancing cannot be maintained, facilities should consider the use of barriers and/or Plexiglas screens.
5. Staff shall wear Face Coverings at all times.
6. Customers should wear Face Coverings indoors, and outside where physical distancing cannot be maintained at all times.
7. Ensure that any rental equipment is thoroughly cleaned and sanitized between uses. .
8. Consider restricting tee times, online reservations and other measures to reduce crowding on the course.
9. Hand sanitizer should be readily available to all staff and customers at entrances/exits and common areas.
10. Doors should be propped open to avoid points of contact.
11. All protocols should be posted on websites and at the courses. Course staff and golfers should be sufficiently trained to enforce health and safety protocols.

General Operations:

1. Players should maintain a minimum 6-foot distance from other individuals who are not members of the same household or living unit.
2. Courses should implement policies to reduce the size of groups on the course.
3. Courses should consider steps to reduce sharing of equipment where possible.
4. Players shall have a Face Coverings with them and use it to comply with the Face Coverings Requirements of the Health Officer's Order C19-14.
5. Hand and motorized carts should be thoroughly sanitized after each use.
6. No tournament or competition style events, or live audience activities, allowed by state and local orders.
7. Group instruction is to be limited to 10 individuals, and complying with Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements and Face Coverings Requirements by Health Order C19-14.
8. Practices involving the use and cleaning of towels, ice chests, seed/sand bottles, on-course bunker rakes, ball washers, community tees, scorecards and pencils, rakes for sand traps, and all on-course water stations should be evaluated to provide adequate sanitation.
9. Flags should continue to be left in at all times.
10. Cups should be filled to within 1 inch of the green or raised above green height to avoid reaching in the cup for the ball.
11. Course management should post, in areas visible to all workers, required hygienic practices including not touching face with unwashed hands or with gloves; washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use of hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces such as workstations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, machines, shared tools, and doorknobs; covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing as well as other hygienic recommendations by the CDC.
12. Golf courses and driving ranges should consider designating a site-specific COVID-19 supervisor to enforce these requirements. The designated COVID-19 supervisor should be present on site at all times during golfing activities. The COVID19 supervisor is suggested to be an on-site worker who is designated to carry this role.

Cart Operations:

1. To facilitate adequate physical distancing, carts should be limited to one rider and two bags. Up to two persons per cart is allowed if the riders are members of the same household or living unit.
2. Carts should be thoroughly sanitized after each use.
3. Hand carts should be sanitized after each use.

Driving Range Restrictions:

1. When possible, stalls should be widened to twelve (12) feet. If stalls are currently permanent, courses should only utilize every other one to provide for adequate physical distancing.
2. Balls should be thoroughly cleaned with soap, bleach or disinfectant after each pick of the range and before they are placed back in play.
3. All range staff attendants should wear gloves and Face Coverings.
4. Range buckets should be disinfected after each golfer use.