

# 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

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

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regularly clean and disinfect any surfaces and equipment touched by golfers, workers and volunteers.</li><li>• 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.</li></ul> |
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