

Provisional Guidance for Golf Courses Implementing Safer at Home

This guidance was developed by the Tri County Health Department (TCHD), in response to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) Safer at Home Public Health Order 20-28, for owners/operators of golf courses in Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas Counties. This guidance was developed to ensure the health and safety of customers as well as the employees of these facilities during the COVID 19 pandemic and may change as circumstances evolve. Golf courses are asked to use this, in addition to CDPHE's [Best Practices for All Businesses](#), to develop and implement a [COVID Response Plan](#). For more information on the state-wide Orders please visit [CDPHE's website](#).

Payment for Tee Times:

The day of play, players **MUST CALL** the golf shop and pre-pay for their tee times. Walk-ups are not allowed. Players must either book online or call the golf shop to reserve their tee times.

Rules for Play:

- All players should be encouraged to walk, if possible. Players should provide their own pull carts. Riding carts shall only be shared between household members and should be sanitized before and after every use.
- The driving range should either be closed or modified to increase range slots to 9-foot wide to adhere to social distancing requirements.
- Tee time intervals should be spaced out to ensure better distancing between groups.
- All players should be encouraged to maintain a 6-foot distance between themselves and others, except between household members. Course Rangers should be actively monitoring golfers on the course to ensure social distancing and assisting with any player needs.
- Scorecards and pencils should be made available on the first tee in a manner that permits players to touch only the pencil they will be using (e.g. no bucket of pencils that all players reach into). Pencils should not be reused. Players should be encouraged to handle their own scorecard only.
- Cups should be modified to allow players to hole their ball but eliminate the need to touch the flagstick or cup when retrieving the ball.
- Players should be encouraged to refrain from touching or removing flagsticks from any hole.
- Players should be encouraged to leave the course immediately after the round is over and maintain a safe 6-foot distance from all players at all times.

Site Requirements:

- Under the provisions of Public Health Order 20-22, restaurants are allowed to do take-out food orders. Consumption of food and beverages on-site at the restaurant is not permitted.
- Beverage carts are allowed to operate in a manner that maintains 6' social distancing, and contactless payment methods.
- All ball gathering devices should be removed from the practice areas.
- Rakes, drinking water coolers, golf ball washers, and water buckets should be removed from the course or otherwise made unavailable.

- Contactless solutions should be implemented whenever possible (contactless payment, no touch trash cans, propped doors where safe to do so, etc.). If not feasible, regular sanitation procedures must be in place.
- Hand sanitizer must be available at entrances and high-traffic locations for use by employees and customers.
- Clubhouse and on-course bathrooms should be disinfected on a regular schedule and treated with extreme caution in regards to cleanliness.
- Barriers should be placed to increase space between the public and employees (e.g. cones placed 6-feet from a drink cart).
- Signage should be placed in all high traffic areas (First tee, drink carts, bathrooms, parking lots, etc.) and should include:
 - Signage at each entrance of the facility or location notifying customers and employees to STOP if they are sick and ask them not to enter,
 - Signage explaining safety measures being taken by the business , and
 - Signage emphasizing the importance of wearing a mask; social distancing; and handwashing.
- Employees:
 - All employees must be told not to come to work if they are sick.
 - The course must [symptom screen](#) all employees before allowing them to come to work.
 - All employees must wear cloth face coverings if having contact with customers or other employees.
 - Employees should be discouraged from using any shared spaces (break rooms, meeting rooms, waiting areas, etc.). There should be no more than 10 people in any shared space .
 - Disinfectant and related supplies must be made available to all employees and guidance on daily workspace cleaning must be provided.
 - Running water, hand soap and paper towels and/or hand sanitizer must be available to all employees throughout the workday and employees should be encouraged to take breaks to wash hands.
 - Employee breaks must be staggered to reduce employee density.
 - Copies of the course’s COVID-19 response plan must be distributed to all employees.

Courses should review the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment’s Safer-At-Home [Public Health Order 20-28](#) and [Best Practices for All Businesses](#) prior to operating. Additional CDPHE guidance documents are available [here](#). Additional TCHD guidance documents are available [here](#).