

ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Golf Course Guidance

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf allowed golf courses to reopen effective May 1 if physical distancing of at least 6 feet can be maintained and courses follow other [business guidance](#) while prioritizing public health and safety. These outdoor recreational activities provide opportunities for both physical and mental wellbeing.

To ensure the spread of COVID-19 remains contained to the greatest extent possible, golfers and golf courses should observe these guidelines:

For Golfers:

- Stay at home if you are sick or have symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.
- Schedule tee times and pay over the phone or online, if possible, to limit in-person contact.
- Walk the course if you are able.
- Shared golf carts and the use of a caddie are allowed in counties in the yellow or green phase of the governor's "Process to Reopen Pennsylvania."
- Maintain at least 6 feet from anyone else in your golf group where feasible.
- Practice good hygiene by covering coughs or sneezes with a sleeve or elbow, washing hands frequently for at least 20 seconds, especially after handling money/paying for golf fees and using the restroom, avoiding touching your face.
- Carry hand sanitizer in your golf bag and use often.
- Leave flagsticks in when you putt and pick your ball out of the cup carefully.
- Don't shake hands or give high-fives.
- When your round is over, go home. Don't gather in the parking lot.

For Golf Courses:

- Limit the flow of players each day for physical distancing purposes.
- Allow scheduling of tee times and payment over the phone or online to limit in-person contact.
- Encourage golfers to walk. If a cart is needed, it may be shared.
- Clean commonly touched surfaces often, including golf carts.
- Restaurants may allow indoor and outdoor dining and golf clubhouses can host banquets or similar gatherings if they adhere to the [lasted guidance on food establishments](#) from the governor and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

