

Golf Course Coshh Assessment

Novel Corona Virus (Covid19)

Playing the Golf Course

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General Facts Covid-19

Means of contamination - Respiratory droplets or direct contact with symptomatic individuals; Contact with contaminated surfaces or objects.

Means of entry to the body - Inhalation or physical contact with eyes, nose, or mouth.

Frequency of exposure – Constant

Numbers exposed – All Persons

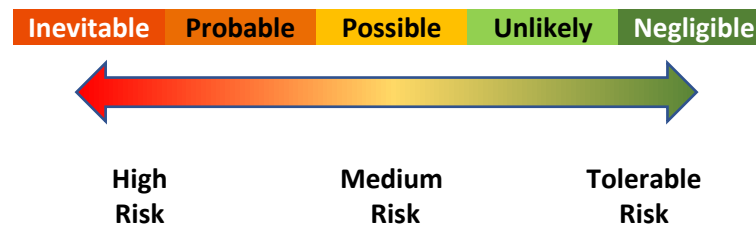
Likelihood of contamination if coming into contact with the virus - Inevitable

Likely sources of contamination on the golf course

- **Golfers Paraphernalia;** Golf clubs; trolleys; bags; balls; tees; pencils; umbrellas; range finders (scopes) Mobile phones and others
- **Golf Course Furniture;** flagsticks; hole cups; ball washers; bunker rakes; divot boxes; waste bins; gates; benches and seats; handrails
- **Club House Area;** Keypads and security, Clubhouse Doors, Pro Shop doors; hire buggies; hire trolleys, Pro shop general areas; pro shop counter service
- **Other Persons;** Other golfers; greenstaff; Clubhouse staff; Pro shop staff, visitors and deliveries, members of the public.

Evaluation of Risk and Controls

Risk Matrix



General Controls

Players have been informed of the need for good hand hygiene, to wear if available biologically resistant gloves, for good social distancing practices at all times; not to enter the golf club grounds if suffering any of the symptoms of Covid-19. Hygiene regimes will be implemented for all golf course furniture, non essential points of contact have been removed from the golf course.

Evaluation of Risk from Specific Hazards

Golfers Paraphernalia

Source of Contamination	Nature of the Risk	Exposed Risk	Controls	Residual Risk
Golf Clubs	Used or picked up by a golfer other than the owner.	Possible	Players Have been instructed; to clean their clubs; only to remove a single club from their bag at a time, keep unused clubs in their golf bags at all times; not to share clubs and not to pick up golf clubs that do not belong to them.	Negligible
Golf Bags / Trolleys	Picked up or moved by golfer other than the owner.	Possible	Players have been instructed not to move another players bag or trolley even if it is in their way, but to ask the owner to move it.	Negligible
Players Balls	Picked up by a player other than the owner.	Possible	Players have been instructed not to pick up or move another payers golf ball; players are to move, mark and remove their own ball from the hole cup at all times.	Negligible
Scorecards, Pencils	Handled by a player other than the owner.	Possible	Scorecard rules have been amended so that players can self-sign their scorecards. Players have been instructed not to swap scorecards at the beginning or end of a round.	Negligible
Umbrellas	Handled by players other than the owner, shared to protect from elements.	Probable	Players have been instructed not to share umbrellas and reminded that social distancing must be observed at all times.	Negligible
Range Finders (scopes)	Handled by a player other than the owner.	Unlikely	Players have been instructed not to share any golfing equipment	Negligible
Mobile Phones	Handled by a player other than the owner.	Unlikely	Players have been instructed not to share mobile phones.	Negligible

Golf Course Furniture

Source of Contamination	Nature of the Risk	Exposed Risk	Controls	Residual Risk
Flagsticks	Common contact point for all players when putting out or retrieving a ball from hole cup.	Inevitable	Golfers have been instructed not to remove the flags from the hole cups, to putt out with the flag in place at all times Flag sticks are decontaminated by staff on a regular basis.	Unlikely
Hole Cups	Common contact point for all players when retrieving a ball from hole cup.	Inevitable	The depth of the hole cup has been shallowed so that golf balls can be retrieved without physical contact of the hole cup. Hole cups are removed and decontaminated by staff on a regular basis.	Unlikely
Ball washers	Common contact point for all players when cleaning a golf ball.	Inevitable	Removed from the golf course till further notice.	N/A

Bunker Rakes	Common contact point for all players when raking a bunker after having played out.	Inevitable	Removed from the golf course till further notice.	N/A
Divot Boxes	Common contact point for all players to repair divots on tees	Inevitable	Removed from the golf course till further notice.	N/A
Gates	Common contact point for all players when opening and closing	Inevitable	Gates will where possible be left open during working hours. Gates will be decontaminated by staff on a regular basis.	Unlikely
Benches and Seats	Common contact point for all players if resting or waiting between playing holes.	Inevitable	Removed from the golf course till further notice.	N/A
Handrails	Common contact point for all players when walking up elevated tee stairs or crossing bridges	Inevitable	Where alternative tees exist, they will be used in preference to tees with handrails until further notice. Where this cannot be achieved signs will be put in place advising golfers not to use the handrail if possible. Handrails will be decontaminated by staff on a regular basis.	Unlikely

Clubhouse and Pubic Areas

Source of Contamination	Nature of the Risk	Exposed Risk	Controls	Residual Risk
Keypads and Security	Common point of contact when entering the clubhouse and locker room.	Inevitable	Where swipe pads cannot be used, essential doors will be left open if members of staff are in attendance. Where this cannot be achieved essential security doors will be cleaned with disinfectant on a regular basis.	Unlikely
Other Clubhouse Doors	Common point of contact when moving through the clubhouse.	Inevitable	The clubhouse and all general public areas will remain closed until further notice A clearly visible sign placed at entry points restricting entry only to essential staff for administrative purposes. Door handles and contact points will be decontaminated on a regular basis.	Unlikely
Pro Shop Doors	Common point of contact when moving through the clubhouse.	Inevitable	A disinfectant spray and paper towels will be left outside the pro shop door at all times. Sanitising hand gel will be left outside the Pro Shop door at all times.	Unlikely
Hire Buggies	Point of contact when hired	Inevitable	Removed from service until further notice.	N/A
Hire Trolleys	Point of contact when hired	Inevitable	Removed from service until further notice.	N/A
Pro Shop General Areas	Common point of contact	Inevitable	Customers will be informed not to touch retail goods unless they intend to purchase.	Unlikely

			The number of people permitted to be in the pro shop will be restricted to enable social distancing and two-metre segregation.	
Pro Shop Counter	Common point of contact	Inevitable	The contactless payment system only will be used with no handling of cash. Counter staff will have access to hand sanitiser at all times or will wear nitrile gloves. A protective screen is in place to segregate counter staff and user of the Pro shop at all times. Where this cannot be done shop assistants will wear a face shield or a face mask at all times.	Unlikely

Other Persons

Source of Contamination	Nature of the Risk	Exposed Risk	Controls	Residual Risk
Other Golfers	Players making contact shaking hands, embracing, standing next to each other. Being in close proximity where one player can contaminate another with exhalation of pathogen bearing droplets.	Inevitable	<p>All players Have been issued with strict guidelines on revised golf course etiquette and social behaviour</p> <p>See Attachment</p> <p>Greenstaff will plan work to avoid contact and observe good social distancing at all times.</p>	Unlikely
Greenstaff	Players coming into close contact with greenstaff.	Probable		Negligible
Clubhouse Staff	Players coming into close contact with other members of staff.	Inevitable		Negligible
Pro Shop Staff	Players coming into close contact with Pro shop staff.	Inevitable		Unlikely
Visitors and Deliveries	Players coming into close contact with clubhouse visitors or delivery staff.	Possible		Negligible
Members of the Public	Players coming into close contact with members of the public on the golf course.	Possible		Negligible

Emergency Procedures

Any player who shows signs of the virus on the golf course will be instructed to leave and return home immediately.

In the eventuality of any layer or other person being overcome to the extent that they cannot take themselves home, staff or other players will call 111 and take advice from the helpline. If an ambulance has to attend the golf course, it will be met at the gates and taken to the necessary location by a member of staff.

Code of Conduct for Playing Golf During Corvid 19 Pandemic



Playing golf is a great way to exercise and to have some limited social interaction at a time of restriction. However, to keep golf courses open golfers must exhibit best social practice before arriving at the golf club to play, at the golf club and on the golf course.

For Your Health and Wellbeing

The following guidelines have been issued by the World Health Authority, following these will substantially reduce the likelihood that you will contract the virus becoming a carrier.

- Stay at home and self-isolate even if you only have minor symptoms such as; such as cough; headache; mild fever; if you need to leave the house, wear a face mask and avoid contact with others.
- If you have a cough; fever or breathing difficulties, and feel you cannot cope at home, use the NHS 111 helpline.
- Regularly and thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub to kill any viruses that may be on your hands.
- Maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from other persons (social distancing) in case they, or you cough or sneeze spreading the virus through droplets.
- Avoid crowding or crowded places where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose; these are transfer points for the virus from your hands into the body.
- Cover your mouth and nose if you sneeze, disposing of the tissue immediately, then clean your hands as above.

At the golf club and on the golf course

The above guidelines apply at all times when at the golf club and on the golf course, remember if you want to keep playing strict adherence is essential, additionally and until further notice how we play the game and prepare golf courses must change, this means as a player you must;

- **If you can, carry with you an alcohol-based hand sanitiser.**
- **Arrive ready to play, do not attend the Clubhouse for any reason, if you have a query, make it online or by phone through the usual channels.**
- **If you have a tee time, please arrive in plenty of time to make it, if you have to wait, ensure good social distancing at all times.**

- Follow any instructions and safety signs that are in place; they are there to ensure the best possible practice.
- If you are going to use the practice facilities, do so only for a brief time immediately before your round, use only your golf balls ensuring you take them all away with you.
- On the putting green, remove your balls without contacting the flagstick or hole cup.
- When attending the Pro Shop, follow the instructions on the door notice, do not enter the pro shop if social distancing cannot be practised. BE PATIENT!
- Do not touch products in the Pro Shop unless you are buying it.
- Do not shake hands or make physical contact before, during or after your round.
- Do not crowd around tees, if as you approach a tee; it is occupied, stay well back maintaining a suitable distance from the tee while keeping a distance of 2 metres from your paying partner.
- On the tee, maintain good social distancing from your playing partners at all times.
- Do not share; pencils; tees; scope finders; umbrellas; phones or any other golf paraphernalia with other players.
- Avoid contact with the flagstick or hole cup; we will clean the flagsticks and hole cups on a regular basis and set the hole cups shallower so you can retrieve your ball without touching it.
- Do not pick up another players golf club or, contact their golf bag or golf trolley.
- Do not pick up any golf ball other than your own, even if you find what you are certain is a lost ball.
- Accept the bunkers as you find them. Rakes have been removed for your safety; the greenstaff will rake the bunkers when they can.
- Do not use the litter bins; please take your own litter home.
- Do not use the ball washers; they are going to be taken out of commission until further notice.
- If you meet walkers or members of the public on a public footpath, stand aside at a safe distance and allow them to pass whilst practicing good social distancing comfortably.
- At the end of your round, do not swap scorecards.
- After your round go straight to your car practising good social distancing at all times.

Any player observed not following the above code of conduct will be asked to leave the golf course immediately by staff.

Remember to practice good golf etiquette at all times, a reckless shot could place an unnecessary demand on already stretched emergency services.

Note if you are showing any of the symptoms of Covid19 such as such as cough; headache; mild fever, for your safety and for the safety of you friends and their families stay at home, we will see you as soon.