



A Practical Guide to Golf for Visitors during COVID-19



Golf is our passion and we love it. We believe allowing golfers to enjoy a game in a safe environment provides the mental and physical health benefits to improve the wellbeing of hundreds of thousands of enthusiasts across the country.

This practical guide outlines the robust, monitored measures Newton Green Golf Club have put in place to help safeguard our staff and customers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For golfers, the measures cover each step of the journey from home to 1st tee and back home again. At the golf course, these measures are in place from open until close, seven days a week.

Our measures and procedures are under constant review, updated as advice from government, health authorities and governing bodies evolves in line with the gradual lifting of social restrictions.







① Course Access

To access the course, a player must:

- Not have been out of the country for over 14 days
- Not be in self-isolation
- Not be displaying COVID-19 symptoms
- Have a pre-booked tee time with names supplied (no guest or reserved slots)

2 Booking & Arrival

- Booking a tee time in advance is compulsory via our website. You will also need to have paid online for your green fee in advance.
- We will require <u>all visitors</u> to provide a phone number and email address to enable contact tracing if needed
- We advise golf equipment should be washed before a player leaves home
- Golfers should travel to the club alone, or with a member of the same household
- Ample car parking spaces are available to ensure social distancing, please park nearest your selected starting side of the course. A one way system will be set up to get to the first hole and on leaving the course
- Arrival at the course no more than <u>10 minutes prior</u> to your reserved tee time. If you arrive prior to this you must stay in your car
- Observe social distancing always and resist the temptation to mingle
- Changing rooms are closed. Arrange golf attire and change footwear at the car



③ Check-in & Pro Shop

- During the week (Monday Friday) to check in you need to send a text to 07543 203207 stating 'I've Arrived' with your name, so your booking can be linked on the system.
- The Pro Shop will be open in August (weekends only). You will need to check-in with a staff member prior to your game
- All staff will be wearing masks within the shop and it is mandatory that all who are looking to go in the shop will need to also wear one
- There will be a strict one-in one-out policy within the pro shop
- Card transactions will be preferred rather than cash









(4) Clubhouse Facilities

- At present the clubhouse and changing rooms will be closed, toilets are available weekdays from 8am – 6pm & weekends from 7:30am – 4pm
- A limited bar & catering service is available daily from 11am 4pm including a take-away option. This is currently an outdoor service, where menus are situated as you come off the course and near the marquee. Details on how to order food & drink are located on these boards
- Players must arrive in golf attire and change shoes at the car



(5)To the First Tee

- There is a one way system in place to show you which way to go to the first tee, and which way to come off the course.
 You must abide by this
- The putting green and practice net are available to warm up prior to your tee time. The driving range is currently open; however, the Professional does have priority for coaching
- You must arrive at the first tee no more than 6 minutes prior to the reserved tee time
- Any player(s) not following directions or have not booked a tee time will be asked to leave the course
- Tee off times strictly observed to ensure minimum 10-minute group spacing







6 On the Course

- Physical distancing to be abided by throughout, particularly on tees and greens
- Rubbish bins and divot bins all removed or covered over
- Ball washers removed or covered over
- Bunker rakes removed, players to smooth sand with feet after shot
- Flagsticks to remain in the hole and must not be touched
- Ball retrieval mechanisms placed in holes, for simple, contact-free ball retrieval
- Once a hole is completed, the group in front must have exited the tee box before players can progress to the next hole
- Do not double back to play again if a ball is lost, unplayable, or in a penalty area
- Equipment, food, and drink must not be exchanged between players
- Players must not pick up another player's equipment or golf ball







⑦ Getting Home Safely

- <u>Post-round, if not using the bar & catering facilities, players must</u> <u>return straight to their cars and leave immediately</u>
- If you are using the bar & catering facility, you must take your clubs back to your car and then find a table to sit at in the marquee
- Ensure clubs and equipment are cleaned at home thoroughly after use
- <u>Players must call or email the manager at the golf club with any</u> post-round health issues or COVID-19 related queries, at the <u>earliest possible opportunity</u>

If needed, contact details are as follows: 01787 377217, 07543 203207 or <u>ben@newtongreengolfclub.co.uk</u> (revised 28/08/2020)

THANK YOU FOR READING OUR PRACTICAL GUIDE

PLEASE ABIDE WITH THIS GUIDE FOR THE SAFETY OF YOURSELF, OTHER VISITORS, MEMBERS AND STAFF WHEN PLAYING AT NEWTON GREEN GOLF CLUB

> WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR ROUND, THANK YOU AGAIN AND STAY SAFE



