

Advice from Durham Region Health Department for Outdoor Golf Courses and Driving Ranges*



- ✓ Be aware of the most current, credible public health information/recommendations and communicate these with your staff and patrons.
- ✓ For workplace establishments refer to the [Section 22 Class Orders](#) for further details of requirements.
- ✓ Amenities, food services, and social gatherings are restricted to the gathering limits set out by the Province.
- ✓ A safety plan, outlining how to protect staff and the public against COVID-19 within the facility, must be made available upon request. A copy of the safety plan must be posted within the facility for viewing by staff and the public. For more details visit the Durham Region Health Department [Safety Plan Template](#), [COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan Checklist](#) and the Province's document [Develop Your COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan](#).



Post signs at all entrances directing those who are ill to not enter. Advise staff and the public to stay home if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in close contact with anyone who has been sick with the virus.



Screening must be implemented to ensure the health of the patrons, staff, volunteers, and essential visitors. All businesses are required to have active screening for all staff and volunteers. Screening logs must be maintained for 1 month and only disclosed when requested by the medical officer of health or an inspector under the Health Protection and Promotion Act. For detailed guidance visit the Ministry of Health's website [Ontario COVID-19 Screening](#).



Keep a record of all staff, patrons, and essential visitors for 1 month (including full name and phone number) who enter the establishment for contact tracing.



Staff & patrons should wash their hands before and after eating, using the washroom or changing work gloves, or after using shared equipment. Post handwashing posters at the stations. Wash hands often for at least 20 seconds where possible or use hand sanitizer when hands are not visibly soiled.



Ensure properly stocked, frequently cleaned and disinfected handwash and/or hand sanitizer stations are made available at the entrance and throughout the establishment for everyone to wash/sanitize their hands as required.



Maintain physical distancing from those outside of your household. Individuals must maintain 2 metres apart between each other on the course, on the range, and in line ups.



Prevent group gatherings and overcrowding within the indoor and outdoor amenity. Adhere to the gathering/capacity restrictions set out by the Province. Facility's safety plan must address measures to prevent crowding on-site.



The use of masks is mandatory for all staff and visitors when in an indoor enclosed public space, on patios, or while waiting in line. When physical distancing cannot be maintained, masks are recommended when outdoors in public spaces. Staff must wear personal protective equipment (medical mask and eye protection) indoors when they come within 2 metres of another person who is not wearing a mask and where there is no impermeable barrier in place. A face shield is not a substitute for a mask.



Clean and disinfect high touch surfaces on a more frequent schedule (e.g. doorknobs, counters, washrooms, etc.). Recommend cleaning and disinfecting twice per day at a minimum while in operation. Use only disinfectants that have a Drug Identification Number (DIN) approved by [Health Canada](#). Follow the manufacturer's direction for appropriate mixture and contact time. Maintain cleaning and disinfecting logs.



Golf carts should be used by those of the same household. When sharing a golf cart with someone outside of the same household, masks must be worn, or an impermeable barrier must be installed between patrons. Golf carts must be disinfected by a Health Canada approved disinfectant in accordance with the manufacturer's directions between different patrons.



Limit the sharing of equipment and high touch surfaces such as flag poles and cups. Equipment that is rented, cleaning and disinfection with a Health Canada approved disinfectant is required after each patron.



The use of the clubhouse, restaurants, indoor retail, indoor amenities, and locker rooms associated with the facility are subject to provincial restriction.



Facility should implement contactless payment and pre-booking systems to limit handling of money and overcrowding at the registration area.



Operators to provide/install physical barriers and signage reminders (e.g. one-way directional markings/flow, posting signs in high traffic areas, physical distancing, etc.).



Adhere to the provincial requirements when in-person instructions are permitted. If instructional classes are permitted and provided, staff must have appropriate personal protective equipment and practice physical distancing. Active screening and contact information of trainees must be logged.



Beverage cart service is permitted for patrons during golf rounds. Staff are required to have appropriate personal protective equipment, practice physical distancing when possible, and have hand sanitizer available on the cart.



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If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

*Pursuant to the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020 and its applicable Regulations, individuals who do not comply with the above noted requirements may be liable for a fine up to a maximum of \$100,000 or in the case of a corporation, not more than \$10,000,000 for each day or part of each day on which the offence occurs or continues.

