

**Proposed Covid-19 Operating Guidelines
Ocean Palm Golf Course, Flagler Beach, Fl.
17 April, 2020**

Overview

Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 2020-91 that states effective April 3 at 12:01 stating that all persons in Florida shall limit their movements and personal interactions outside of their home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities until April 30. Per confirmation through the Governor's Office, Golf is considered an essential activity as long as proper social distancing is maintained.

We have conducted a survey of what other golf courses have implemented to minimize the spread of the Covid-19 virus from St. Augustine to New Smyrna including Halifax Plantation, Cypress Knoll, Riverbend, Grand Reserve, Daytona Beach Golf Club, LPGA International, Hidden Lakes, St. John's Golf Club, King and Bear Golf Club, and World Golf Village. Many of the courses have their protocol listed on their website. We did find that only two were closed in this area; the City of Palm Coast closed the course that they operate, and additionally found that Pine Lakes has closed for about a month which we were told was for much needed course maintenance.

We found that some courses had a few simple procedures in place and some had much stricter policies. In the interest of public health and safety a more stringent protocol which is listed below is proposed.

Implementation

Upon reopening of the course, the plan will be put into play by the course staff. There are several staff members on site including maintenance and groundskeepers who can assist the manager on duty by monitoring golfers to ensure the spirit and intent of these guidelines are met. This is a more unique circumstance in that unlike the public beach with no attendants, the golf course does not have the large numbers of guests or high volume of traffic and more easily able to be monitored.

Changes To Operating Standards

The following changes to standard operations have been implemented to further support CDC guidelines regarding social distancing:

1. It is preferable to call ahead for a tee time so that safe spacing can be maintained during check in and play. Those that do not call in may have to wait for an appropriate time to tee off or for carts to be sanitized after previous use.
2. The pro shop is open for check in and restroom use for a maximum of two guests at a time.
3. The restaurant is closed but beverages and snacks are available in the pro shop. Do not open the cooler yourself, please ask the staff to get your selections for you.

4. There is no water on the course. Please bring adequate water with you or obtain it at the clubhouse.
5. Single person carts are mandatory and all operators must possess a valid driver's license.
6. Carts are disinfected after each use. Please check in with pro shop before loading your clubs to assure that your cart has been properly prepared.
7. Flags on the course are to remain in place.
8. All cups have been altered so that the ball can be easily be retrieved without touching anything.
9. Rakes have been removed from bunkers. Play bunkers following the lift and place rule.
10. Ball washers have been removed. Please bring your own towel to clean your ball.
11. When it is your turn to tee off please maintain distances of 10 feet or more at the tee boxes and head out to the course as quickly as possible.
12. Scorecards and pencils will only be handed out upon request.
13. The driving range is open with 10 foot spacing between players. Range balls will be available in single use bags and a trash can will be provided for disposal.
14. Please replace handshakes with elbow bumps or other forms of touchless greetings.
15. Enjoy your game!