

## **A Few Things to Think About When You Play Golf**

Most golf courses are still open. I'm sure there will be rules to follow, but here are a few pointers to help lower the risk of getting the coronavirus.

### **Clubhouse**

Get in, get out and keep your distance. Avoid time in crowded clubhouses. Sit outdoors with a 6 foot radius from others, if possible.

Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after touching things like door handles, desks and other high-touch areas. Don't play around with displays of merchandise and golf clubs.

### **Playing Partners**

Check to see that people you are playing with are feeling well. In all cases, try to keep your social distance – that's 6 feet. Don't shake hands and use an elbow bump or other gesture instead. Words speak loudly, so say hi and congratulate where necessary.

### **As You Play**

As you play, wash your hands with soap and water briskly for at least 20 seconds when you're able to or use hand sanitizer liberally. You might want to keep a bottle of it in your bag. Don't touch your mouth or face although this is difficult to do. Also, please wash your hands after going to the bathroom.

At tee boxes, fairways and greens, practice that 6 feet of "social distancing."

Leave the flagstick in the hole to avoid contamination. It is now legal under the rules and you may make more putts.

### **Clubs**

Wipe down the edges of the bag, the handle of the club, the parts that touch the golf cart.

### **Golf Balls**

Let any found balls be. You can buy them and they are making more.

If you must pick up random golf balls, don't touch your mouth. Best bet is to leave it behind.

**Golf Glove**

Keep it in your pocket if you remove it to putt. If you're willing to put hand sanitizer on your glove, use it.

**Riding Golf Carts**

Wipe the steering wheel and seat and minimize the risk from other people who have used the cart.

**Beverages**

Get drinks from the beverage cart rather than the crowded clubhouse. Use hand sanitizer before popping the top and drinking from the can.