



# SAN BENITO COUNTY

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## Golf Course Social Distancing Protocol Form Appendix B

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Name of Business:

Golf Course General Manager Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Address of Business:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Number of Employees at Location:

### ***Specific Guidance***

- Golf Courses will be open to San Benito County residents only. Individual addresses will be verified by a golf course employee by either a (California ID or Driver's license).
- A golf marshal will ensure proper social distancing and no congregating or groups larger than 4.
- Each course will submit to frequent, routine inspections from City or County staff - including but not limited to ensuring compliance with resident only restrictions and facility changes.

### ***Measures to Protect Golfer Health off the Course***

- Dining areas may only remain open for grab-and-go service or delivery.
- Remove seating from dining areas.
- Servers must wear face coverings and wash their hands or change gloves frequently.
- Require golfers to leave the property immediately after playing to eliminate congestion.
- Require tee times to be made in advance over the phone and eliminate walk-up tee times.
- Require payment in advance using a method that does not require exchange of physical currency (e.g., credit card).
- Allow golfers to proceed to the first tee without any physical contact or entry into the pro shop.
- Pro shops must be closed to the public.
- Rope off common gathering areas.
- All employees have been instructed to maintain at least a six-foot distance from golfers and from each other, except employees may momentarily come closer when necessary to accept payment, deliver goods or services, or as otherwise necessary.

### ***Measures to Protect Golfer Health in Practice Areas***

- Remove all flagsticks from the practice area or install cover cups, or create a barrier, so the ball cannot be holed.
- A driving range may remain open if stalls are spaced at least six feet apart and golf balls are sanitized after they are collected and before they are returned to circulation.

### ***Measures to Protect Golfer Health on the Course***

- Only 2 people per tee time
- Tee times will be expanded to allow additional time in between tee times. This will result in increased spacing between golfing groups and players.
- Discontinue all club rentals.
- Pre-position carts near the first tee.
- Affix a scorecard and new pencil to the steering wheel of each sanitized cart before use.

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- Sharing carts with other golfers not from the same household is prohibited.
- Instruct golfers to not touch flagsticks or remove flagsticks or install cover cups, or create a barrier, so the ball cannot be holed.
- Bunker rakes, sand buckets/bottles, and ball washers will be removed or rendered inoperable.
- Remove any water dispensers that require contact. Instruct golfers to bring their own water or provide bottled water.
- Encourage gimmies to reduce crowding near the hole.
- Trash cans should be touchless. Remove lids if present and not operable by foot.
- Course restrooms can remain open provided they are cleaned hourly and the door is propped open.

### **Measures to Increase Sanitization**

- Ensure disinfecting wipes, that are effective against COVID-19, are available to sanitize carts and frequently touched surfaces.
- Employee(s) are assigned to disinfect carts, including rental pull carts, after completion of each use.
- Hand sanitizer, soap and water, or effective disinfectant is available to golfers at or near the entrance of the facility, dining area, and anywhere else where people have direct interactions.
- Disinfecting all payment portals, pens, and styluses after each use.
- Disinfect all high-contact surfaces frequently.

By signing this form you are acknowledging that you have met all the criteria listed in this Order and will continue compliance until the Shelter in Place Order is lifted.

Golf Course General Manager Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_