

COVID-19 update.

We share in your concerns about the COVID-19 epidemic and its impact on our everyday lives. We continue to monitor reports from government leaders and health officials and are using those updates to guide our response to the epidemic. As many of you undoubtedly heard, Governor Ralph Northam issued a statewide order yesterday afternoon directing the closure of certain non-essential business to protect the health and safety of Virginians and reduce the spread of COVID-19. Executive order Fifty-Three includes the closure of public access to certain recreational and entertainment businesses, **HOWEVER, GOLF COURSES HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED AND CAN REMAIN OPEN**. The target of this list is primarily indoor amusement. As before, a facility's restaurant must remain closed, BUT they are allowed to provide delivery and carry-out services. Is it safe to play golf during COVID-19? Per Virginia Governor Ralph Northam's Executive order, released Monday afternoon, golf courses can remain open as long as they adhere to social distancing guidelines, which we have chosen to do.

We have implemented the following preventative measures to keep everybody safe:

1. The flags have been removed from the putting green and all flag poles on the course have been bleached and sanitized
2. Please do not touch the flag poles or remove them from the cup, VSGA have implemented a new scoring rule so you don't have to putt out and you can still enter your scores. If you do hole your ball, please remove your ball with a gloved hand to reduce the risk of contact with the surface of the pole.
3. All bathrooms in the Pro-shop and on the course have been bleached and sanitized and we will continue to do so throughout the day.
4. Keep your glove on when you put the code in and take it off once you are inside the bathroom. When you are leaving sanitize your hands with the sanitizer, on the wall, put your glove on and then open the door to leave... again reducing the number of touch points.
5. We have bleached all contact points on the carts to include: handles, steering wheel, clips where you put your bags in and sand bottles. The carts will be bleached and sanitizer after use and once they are brought out in the morning they are re-sanitized before the carts can be taken out.
6. We have not removed the rakes from the bunkers but would ask that you don't use them. If you go in the bunker, please use your feet or your club to smooth out where you were stood. VSGA have implemented a rule that if you land in a foot print you can take a free drop in the sand trap in an area that hasn't been disturbed. Remember to drop the ball from your knee so the ball doesn't plug.
7. In addition to cleaning the bathrooms we are continually sanitizing all high contact areas in the Pro-Shop including all door knobs, counter, pens and light switches. In fact, we have left the lights on in the bathrooms and prefer you not to touch them to turn them off... one less point of contact for our guests.
8. All players are asked to take their own cart unless you live together or drove here together. This is not mandatory we are just strongly advising it.

We will not close the course unless we are ordered to by the Governor. So come on out and play some golf we have a cart ready for you and this weekend will be gorgeous

We hope these measures help put your minds at ease.

