



# County of Orange

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## **Orange County Golf Course Guidance:**

On March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared a State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19. Subsequently, the Governor issued Executive Order N-33-20 that ordered all state residents to stay in place and identified certain essential functions that could remain operational. Additionally, individuals must adhere to strict social distancing guidance.

It is imperative that businesses within our communities self-enforce and strictly adhere to the restrictions mandated by the Governor. Some golf clubs may have the ability to provide the opportunity to recreate on the course. Golf operations should remain closed (club house, pro shops, etc.) but management may be inclined to review industry best practices for implementation that will allow for limited recreational access only to remain in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order. Identified health and safety standards to protect golfers include, but are not limited to:

- Courses should be walking only with strict adherence to social distancing and enforced by marshals.
- All 'touch points' should be eliminated. This should include all touch points associated with the recreational aspect of golf. Remove all flag sticks and sand bunker rakes, scorecards and close all self service areas including restrooms and any location where strict adherence to social distancing cannot be enforced. Cups to be inverted on the greens for safe putting and ball removal. Ball washers to be covered and not in use at this time.
- Groups should be limited in size to no more than 4 and maintain social distancing throughout the course;
- Strategic scheduling of tee times should be put into effect to ensure there are no congregations of individuals waiting to start;
- Upon completion of the round, individuals should proceed directly to their car and drive out of the immediate area to avoid congregation in the parking lot.
- Any and all other safety measures deemed necessary to protect the health and safety of golfers, may be implemented by management at their discretion.