



Guidelines for Golf in New Jersey

Golf Maintenance Best Practices

Superintendents must take every precaution to keep the maintenance staff and golfers safe by following all CDC protocols.

- Flagsticks and holes should be adjusted (raised cup liner, PVC or foam insert, etc.) so that cup and flagstick are not touched, players should be told not to remove or touch the flagstick.
- Minimize touch points: Ball washers, rakes, benches, water coolers, used tee baskets and other commonly handled items on the golf course that can be removed should be removed.
- Remove water stations.
- Players should also be told not to touch permanent structures such as rain shelters or benches that are permanently fixed.
- Stakes marking penalty areas should not be touched.
- Remove on course trash cans, all trash should be carried out by the golfer.
- No water fountains or coolers.
- Golfers should refrain from interacting with the maintenance staff unless there is an emergency.
- All remaining on course touch points must be cleaned and sanitized regularly.

Golf Maintenance Employees

- **PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE** - Regularly wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Practice social distancing, remain 6 feet away from others.
- Wear a mask or face covering when interacting with fellow employees and customers.
- Wear gloves at all times.
- Stagger working hours and breaks.
- Assign equipment and tools to minimize exposure.
- Clean and sanitize tools, equipment, and workstation after use.
- Employee meetings should be staggered or held in open spaces.
- Lunch breaks should be taken alone, outdoors, or in one's own workstation, vehicle, or car.
- No shared carts or vehicles and no passengers.
- If you feel sick, stay home, and contact your employer to discuss options, and otherwise follow the company's normal policies regarding sick time, PTO, annual leave, or other applicable leave (such as FMLA leave and ADA leave in the United States). In particular, if you are experiencing fever (100.4°F/ 38°C or higher), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms indicative of COVID-19, you should notify your employer and stay home until you are free from symptoms for at least 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medicines or cough suppressants) or until otherwise cleared to return to work per company procedures.
- If you are not sick but have a sick family member at home who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or may have been exposed, you should notify your employer, and refrain from reporting to work until speaking with the company for further instructions. In consultation with public health authorities and/or applicable health authority guidance (such as CDC's risk assessment guidance or the WHO's daily situation reports), your employer will discuss your options with you.