

**AMENDED ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AND OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OPENING GOLF COURSES FOR LIMITED USE**

**DATE OF ORDER: APRIL 20, 2020**

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. Violators are also subject to civil enforcement actions including civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation per day, injunctive relief, and attorneys' fees and costs. (Penal Code section 19; Government Code sections 8665 and 25132; Health and Safety Code section 120295; County Ordinances 533 and 556.)

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101030, 101040, 101085, AND 120175, TITLE 17 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2501, ARTICLE XI OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION; CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 8610, 8630, 8634, AND 8665; AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY CODE SECTIONS 442 AND 533.6, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ("HEALTH OFFICER") ORDERS:

1. On April 2, 2020, all golf courses in the County of Riverside, whether public or private, and their ancillary use areas, which include but are not limited to parking areas, clubhouses, driving ranges, practice putting greens, and food and beverage service areas, were closed through **June 19, 2020**, pending further Order of the Public Health Officer.
2. Effective immediately, the Health Officer for the County of Riverside and the County Executive Officer as Director of Emergency Services hereby Order that all golf courses in the County of Riverside, whether public or private, **may be opened for limited use, as outlined herein**. Golf may resume on all golf courses, whether public or private. Golf play may occur in groups of no more than four (4) persons and social distancing practices shall always be followed by participants. No caddies are permitted.

**In order to open for play, all public and private golf courses shall fully implement the "Park and Play: Making Your Course Social Distance Ready" Program developed by the National Golf Course Owners Association and attached to this Order as "Exhibit A" and found at:**

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For purposes of this Order, "social distancing" requires that a six-foot separation from all persons, except for household members and medical providers with the appropriate personal protection equipment, be maintained at all times in order to reduce the spread of infections, including the COVID-19 virus. Only one person per golf cart is permitted.

3. No large gatherings, including but not limited to tournaments or fundraisers, shall be held by, hosted by, or occur at any golf course, either public or private, at any time before **June 20, 2020**, pending further Order of the Public Health Officer.

4. This Order requires that social distancing must be practiced in all ancillary use areas of a golf course, including but not limited to parking areas, clubhouses, driving ranges, and practice putting greens.
5. Face coverings, such as scarves (dense fabric, without holes), bandanas, neck gaiter, or other fabric face coverings, must be worn at all times by those working at or playing on a golf course, either public or private, and in all ancillary use areas. All persons are discouraged from using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as N95 masks, for non-medical reasons.
6. Pursuant to this Order, food and/or beverage services provided by a golf course, either public or private, may operate **only for delivery or pick-up orders** and social distancing practices must be maintained at all times. No in-person dining shall be permitted.
7. This Order shall not be seen to restrict the ability of a golf club and/or golf course to continue landscaping and maintenance efforts in any way.

Similarly, this Order shall not be understood to restrict the ability of a golf club and/or golf course to maintain minimum business operations, such as security.

8. To the extent that any golf club and/or golf course includes a gym, fitness center, beauty salon, or spa, these amenities shall be and shall remain closed.
9. This Order shall not restrict the ability of individuals to walk a golf course for exercise, if permitted by the golf course/club, so long as social distancing practices are maintained at all times.
10. This Order is issued as a result of the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 disease, also known as "novel coronavirus," which has infected over two million individuals worldwide in over 185 countries and is implicated in over 163,000 worldwide deaths, including over 2,600 cases and 74 deaths in Riverside County. These numbers increase significantly every day.
11. This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing transmission of COVID-19 both within the County of Riverside and worldwide, scientific evidence regarding the most effective approach to slow transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, as well as best practices as currently known and available to protect the public from the risk of spread of or exposure to COVID-19.
12. This Order is intended to address the strain upon the health care system from the effects of the COVID-19 virus. Similarly, this Order is intended to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19, thereby slowing the spread of COVID-19 in communities worldwide.
13. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the: March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 8, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to

public health from the introduction of novel COVID-19 in Riverside County; the March 10, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside proclaiming the existence of a Local Emergency in the County of Riverside regarding COVID-19; the March 10, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside ratifying and extending the Declaration of Local Health Emergency due to COVID-19; Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 of March 19, 2020 ordering all persons to stay at home to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19; Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-35-20 giving the state the ability to increase the health care capacity in clinics, mobile health care units and adult day health care facilities and allowing local governments more flexibility to utilize the skills of retired employees in order to meet the COVID-19 surge; and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-39-20 intended to expand the health care workforce and recruit health care professionals to address the COVID-19 surge; and the April 4, April 6, and April 17, 2020 Orders of the Public Health Officer concerning face coverings and public gatherings. The Governor and the County Public Health Officer continue to issue COVID-19-related orders to mitigate the public health crisis.

14. This Order comes after the release of substantial guidance from the Health Officer, the California Department of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other public health officials throughout the United States and around the world.
15. This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code sections 101030, et seq.; Health and Safety Code sections 120100, et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501. More specifically, Health and Safety Code section 120175.5(b) which provides that all governmental entities in the county shall take necessary measures within the governmental entity's control to ensure compliance with this Order and to disseminate this Order to venues or locations within the entity's jurisdiction where gatherings may occur.
16. Violation of this Order is subject to fine, imprisonment, or both. (Penal Code section 19; Government Code sections 8665 and 25132; Health and Safety Code section 120295; County Ordinances 533 and 556.)
17. To the extent necessary, pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all Chiefs of Police in the County ensure compliance with and enforcement of this Order.
18. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County of Riverside Health Administration office located at 4065 County Circle Drive, Riverside, CA 92503; (2) posted on the County of Riverside Public Health Department's website ([rivcoph.org](http://rivcoph.org)); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**



Dated: April 20, 2020

Dr. Cameron Kaiser, MD, MPH, FAAFP  
Public Health Officer  
County of Riverside

**EMERGENCY REGULATIONS**

As Director of Emergency Services for the County of Riverside, I am authorized to promulgate regulations for the protection for life and property pursuant to Government Code section 8634 and Riverside County Ordinances 442 and 533. The following shall be in effect for the duration of the County of Riverside Health Officer's Order issued above which is incorporated in its entirety by reference:

The County of Riverside Health Officer's Order shall be promulgated as a regulation for the protection of life and property.

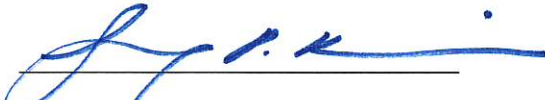
Any person who violates or refuses or willfully neglects to obey this regulation is subject to civil enforcement actions, including civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation per day, injunctive relief, and attorneys' fees and costs, imprisonment, or both, pursuant to Government Code section 8665.



George Johnson  
County Executive Officer  
Director of Emergency Services  
County of Riverside

Dated: April 20, 2020

Approved as to form and legality:



Gregory P. Priamos  
County Counsel  
County of Riverside

Dated: April 20, 2020

## PARK and PLAY Program:

### Making Your Course Social Distance Ready

If your golf course is open, use this list of measures to implement a **"Park and Play"** program at your course. These measures align with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) "social distancing" and sanitation practices, and have been reviewed and approved by a physician at the Infectious Diseases Society of America. Once adopted by your staff and your customers, these measures will allow your course to continue operations, help the public feel more comfortable, and set expectations on near term limitations during this trying time.



- Encourage golfers to pay in advance over the phone with a credit card, or book on-line, show up to a pre-positioned sanitized cart, and proceed to the first tee without personal contact.
- Place appropriate signage outside the pro-shop and clubhouse entries briefly outlining the social distancing guidelines in place.
- Place appropriate signage on carts and around the clubhouse with the phone number to call in food orders with an explanation that credit card transactions are requested.
- Eliminate sit-down food and beverage services, and recommend customers use pre-order "take-out" or "to go" services only. Consider offering cart-to-cart delivery if feasible.
- Encourage golfers to ride one person per golf car, if possible.
- Direct players to leave the pin in the cup at all times. You can also raise the cup up an inch above the green surface and count it when the ball hits it. This is a good time for "gimmies."
- Follow all guidance to not exceed gathering limits established by local and state authorities.
- Conduct no indoor events if possible.
- Remove ball washing stations or place out of usable areas.
- Remove all trash cans from the golf course.
- Remove rakes from the course and temporarily play these areas as non hazards. Put a local rule in place that permits placing your golf ball in any bunker on the course.
- Spread out driving range stations to separate customers.
- Remove all water stations from the course and either provide bottled water or advise them to purchase beverages prior to tee off.
- Remove bulk scorecard, pencil and tee holders from starter areas. Only issue when requested.
- After play, ask golfers to go directly to their carts and park them in designated areas.
- Ask your customers to personally dispose of any trash they may have in the nearby receptacles.
- Ask golfers to leave the golf course immediately after playing to eliminate congestion/gathering on the property or in the parking lot.

#### Preparing Your Facility

- Eliminate walk-up tee times and require tee times be made in advance, while encouraging advance pay. Update your website to indicate this.
- Provide clear professional signage informing guests of operational changes and encourage recommended sanitation practices.

- Increase the frequency of routine cleaning, sanitization and disinfection of all locations, especially all common and high traffic areas, and frequently touched surfaces.
- Increase the number of hand sanitizer stations throughout the clubhouse, especially entry points and lobby.
- Increase frequency of HVAC system filter changing, and schedule more frequent cleaning of the system.
- Do not provide rental clubs during this period but, if necessary, ensure sanitation prior to issuance.
- Remove all non-essential devices from the range, such as bag stands or den caddies. Place balls on the range for your customers so they can be accessed using a club.
- Remove all merchandise items, normally smaller accessories, from your counter and place them out of reach of any customers that may be inside.
- Minimize indoor seating in bar and restaurant as these seating should be limited and spread out for those awaiting “to go” orders only.
- Ensure golf carts and other rental equipment are properly sanitized prior to issuing to customers.
- Ensure approved antimicrobial products are used for all sanitation procedures.
- Disconnect or remove water dispenser/coolers; this includes on-course units unless they offer foot control activation. Consider providing bottled water to players.
- Remove sand containers, coolers or anything from a golf cart that could be “shared.” This includes scorecards, tees, pencils and towels—these items should not be offered during this time.
- Short Game and Putting Practice Areas: Remove shag bags and devices that collect or push balls (such as PVC piping) from the area. Place alignment sticks, or stakes on the green as targets, and/or turn the cups upside down and leave in the hole. Remove all flags and institute a “bring your own practice balls policy.”
- Remove bar stools if the bar is open for “to go” service; do not promote seating.
- If portable restrooms are used, they must include hand washing stations with foot-activated devices adjacent to the units.
- Ensure range balls are cleaned thoroughly with soap after every pick up prior to making available for customers.
- Update your website to indicate you are participating in the “Park and Play” program.

### Preparing Your Staff

- Ensure staff are trained on hygiene, sanitation and food handling to learn about epidemic prevention and control.
- Ensure staff can recognize the symptoms of COVID-19 and know how to act responsibly if they detect or exhibit symptoms.
- Provide protective face masks and gloves to all staff, especially those who handle cash or credit cards.
- Encourage golfers and staff to replace handshakes with other touch-less forms of greeting.

**If your golf course is located in a state that is still allowing access to the golf course, consider implementing this program.**

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