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## Co Cavan Golf Club Return to Golf – Phase I

Following publication of Return to Golf Protocols by the GUI & ILGU we now outline how we, Co Cavan Golf Club, will be implementing changes in practices to mitigate against the risk to employees and club members of contracting the COVID-19 Virus. This policy applies to all members of Co County Cavan Golf Club.

Whilst we can assure you that all staff & committees of Co Cavan Golf Club will continue to do everything in our power to protect our colleagues & fellow members we can only do so much! As a Member you must take personal responsibility for your own actions and comply with these & all HSE/Government issued preventative measures.

As one of the first sports to be allowed to resume, there is a major responsibility on golf clubs and golfers to ensure that our sport is conducted in a safe and responsible manner. Full adherence to the provisions of this Protocol is absolutely essential. It should be noted that the Government continues to monitor the situation closely and has not ruled out the reintroduction of restrictions which could see golf clubs closed once again if the Protocol is not followed. **In other words, it has never been more important that we play by the rules.**

### **Before you leave home:**

#### **Membership:**

- Ensure you have paid your 2020 membership fee or if by paying by Direct Debit that payments are up to date. You will not be able to book a tee time unless you are paid up member for 2020.

#### **Tee Time:**

- Use our new ClubNet App or online system to book a tee time. If you intend setting foot on the course, even for just a few holes, you must have a pre-booked tee time. This is to enable the club to limit access only to members as directed & also assist with contact tracing.
- If you arrive at the club on spec. you will not be allowed on the course.

#### **Golf Equipment:**

- Wash or sanitise all your golf equipment.
- Please also ensure that you have enough golf balls, markers, tees etc for your round as borrowing equipment from a playing partner is strictly prohibited.
- **Note: Golf trollies or buggies will not be available for hire.**
- The Clubhouse will remain closed so if you absolutely must retrieve an item of golf equipment from your locker please contact the office or a committee member in advance & we will arrange a suitable time.

#### **You:**

- Wash or sanitise your hands.
- As the clubhouse will be closed, we also recommend that you use toilet facilities before leaving home & come dressed for golf.

#### **Travel:**

- Do not travel to the course if you are in self-isolation.
- Do not travel to the course if you are displaying any COVID-19 symptoms.
- You must travel to the course either on your own or only with members of your own household.
- Tee times will be strictly observed to ensure 14-minute intervals are maintained so please allow adequate time to get to the course & be ready for play. If you are late for your tee time you will lose your slot & will have to re-book the next available time.



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### **Booking & Arrival**

- As stated above booking a tee time in advance is compulsory.
- Arrive at the course no more than 15 minutes prior to reserved tee time.
- Park your car so that you can maintain social distancing.
- Clubhouse & Locker rooms are closed so change footwear at your car.
- Observe social distancing always and resist the temptation to mingle.

### **Practice Facilities**

- The driving range will remain closed until further notice & cannot be used.
- Practice green will be open but strictly limited to each 3 ball immediately prior to their tee time.

### **Playing Golf**

- Golfers should bring their own personal hand sanitiser for frequent use on the course.
- Physical distancing must be observed throughout, particularly on tees and greens.
- All golf must commence from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee.
- Do not proceed to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee any more than 5 minutes before your tee time.
- Avoid slow play so that 14-minute intervals are maintained (If you fail to maintain your position your group will be asked to leave the course).
- Flagsticks to remain in the hole and must not be touched.
- Do not touch the flags.
- Bunker rakes have been removed. Please smooth sand with your feet or club after shot.
- Hole cups are shallower for simple, contact-free ball retrieval.
- Rubbish bins on the course are not to be used. Bring home your rubbish.
- Ball washers are covered over & are not to be used.
- Golfers must not pick up another player's equipment or golf ball.
- Golfers must not share tee pegs and do not pick up any pegs left on tee boxes.
- Do not share snacks or drinks with playing partners.
- No caddies allowed on the course

### **After your Round of Golf**

- Golfers must refrain from traditional handshake or any other physical contact.
- Compressed Air cleaning station will not be in operation so please return straight to your car.
- Do not hang around after your round. Return home as soon as possible.
- When home ensure clubs & equipment are cleaned thoroughly after use.
- Players must call (049 4331541) or email ([info@cavangolf.ie](mailto:info@cavangolf.ie)) the golf club with any post-round health issues or COVID-19 related queries, at the earliest possible opportunity.

### **Juveniles/Under 18's**

Juvenile members and student members under the age of 18 must be accompanied at all times by either a member Parent/Guardian or an Adult member who is known to them.

### **Useful Links**

#### **GUI/ILGU Protocol:**

<https://www.golfnet.ie/news/golfnet/4661/unions-publish-protocol-for-golfs-safe-return>

#### **GUI/ILGU Stay Safe on the Golf Course Video:**

<https://www.golfnet.ie/news/golfnet/4668/video-stay-safe-on-the-golf-course>

**HSE Corona Virus Information:** <https://www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/>



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| <b>DO's</b> |                                                                                                                                               | <b>DONT's</b> |                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ✓           | Adhere to all HSE and Government Guidance.                                                                                                    | ✗             | Do not come to the Golf Club if: You are in self- isolation.                                                                              |
| ✓           | Keep the 2m (6.5 feet) Social Distance in the car park & on the course.                                                                       | ✗             | Do not come to the Golf Club if: You are displaying any COVID-19 symptoms.                                                                |
| ✓           | Observe good hand hygiene. Bring your own personal hand sanitiser for use before, during & after your round.                                  | ✗             | Do not travel to the course in groups unless it is with members of your household.                                                        |
| ✓           | Observe good coughing & sneeze etiquette.                                                                                                     | ✗             | Do not arrive at the golf club without a pre booked Tee time.                                                                             |
| ✓           | Book a tee time online in advance. Even if you intend to play only a few holes you must book online before travelling to the golf club.       | ✗             | Do not arrive early for your Tee time.                                                                                                    |
| ✓           | Arrive at the course a <u>maximum</u> of 15 minutes before your tee time.                                                                     | ✗             | Do not mingle at any point on the course with other groups.                                                                               |
| ✓           | Come dressed for golf and change footwear at your car.                                                                                        | ✗             | Do not pick up your playing partners' golf bag, golf clubs, tee, ball marker or golf ball.                                                |
| ✓           | Go to the 1 <sup>st</sup> Tee a maximum of 5 minutes before your tee time.                                                                    | ✗             | Do not touch the flag or the flagpole.                                                                                                    |
| ✓           | All golfers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an Adult parent/guardian.                                                              | ✗             | Do not shake hands or have any other form of contact with your playing partners, or with anyone else, before, during or after your round. |
| ✓           | After your round return to your car & go straight home.                                                                                       | ✗             | Do not share Snacks or Drinks on the Course.                                                                                              |
| ✓           | Players must call or email the golf club with any post-round health issues or COVID-19 related queries, at the earliest possible opportunity. | ✗             | Do not hang around after your round go home as soon as possible.                                                                          |

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