



Golf Club and Facility Guidance (COVID-19)

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This guidance covers:

- **Contact Tracing**
- **Operational Guidance for Golf Clubs and Facilities at Alert Level 2**

Note: this guidance is correct as at time of printing. The Government may update their guidance, rules and regulations at any point in time.

Contact Tracing

The Ministry of Health has created a tracing app — NZ COVID Tracer. This app works by scanning a QR code on a poster at participating businesses. The app then keeps track of where someone has scanned so they know where they have been. Further information on the QR code and how to obtain one can be found [here](#).

Current Guidance for Golf at Alert Level 2 - Guidance for Golf Clubs, Facilities and Golfers

Golf clubs, facilities and golfers must take appropriate steps to make sure they minimise the risk of infection from the COVID-19 virus. The number one priority at all times should be to consider the health, safety and wellbeing of your staff, members, golf participants and the wider community

Alert Level 2 for Golf - Specific Operational Guidance

At Alert Level 2, playing of golf can be undertaken. The most important principle is to stay safe. The health, safety and wellbeing of your staff, members, golf participants and the wider community is of paramount importance.

General Guidance

1. The golf course, clubhouse, pro shop, changing rooms and any other facility at the golf club can open at Alert Level 2.
2. All staff, players, visitors must adhere to general government advice; particularly all recommended hygiene measures. [Click here](#) for further hygiene and sanitisation information.
3. For golf clubs, appropriate hygiene and sanitisation practices must be maintained throughout the facility including all common touch points and surfaces.
4. A system to record and retain the contact details of all staff, players and visitors should be in place to enable contact tracing should it be required. The NZ COVID Tracer QR code must be displayed.
5. Physical distancing (2 metres encouraged) between all staff, players and visitors should be maintained. Distancing should be maintained on the golf course and throughout all club facilities.
6. All indoor facilities at a club need to restrict entry to a maximum of 100 people. Operations across indoor facilities must follow government guidelines as published at <https://covid19.govt.nz>.
7. All groups should be seated, have separation from other groups, and be served by a single server if possible. When customers are entering/exiting the clubhouse or paying, clubs should manage these processes in line with the distancing and serving guidelines.
8. Any staff who are on site should be provided with any appropriate personal protection equipment to ensure they can remain healthy and safe.



General Golf Operations Guidance:

9. All players must wash and dry their hands before and after play.
10. Shotgun or multiple tee starts can be held if they can be managed in a manner that does not see groups of golfers congregating.
11. Groups of golfers should maintain a minimum distance of 2 metres between themselves and other groups on the course.
12. Club events and competitions can be held so long as there is strict adherence to hygiene, distancing and gatherings regulations.
13. Physical scorecards should be avoided if possible and we encourage the use of the DotGolf score entry app.
14. All pins should be removed from practice putting greens.
15. Pins / flagsticks can be on the course however they should be left in the hole and should not be touched or removed by any player where possible.
16. Bunker rakes can be on the course.
17. All drinking fountains, ball washers, and shared sunscreen stations should be closed.
18. Any shared club equipment must be cleaned after each use.
19. Coaching can be undertaken on a contactless basis and with strict 2 metre distancing being observed.

Further Information

For official government information, visit <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

For specific sport sector information, visit <https://sportnz.org.nz/>

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