



COVID-19/Coronavirus  
First Tee of West Michigan

**Programming Safety & Health Guidelines**

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## Programming Safety & Health Guidelines

Please note that if any participant has any signs of illness they must stay home.

### Sign In/Start of Class

- Coaches will let parents and players know how registration will be conducted at each location at least one week prior to the first class. There will be a central person signing in participants and directing them to a station (this will eliminate congregating groups)
- Parents can accompany participants to the sign in person and will then be asked to return to their vehicle, or head to a viewing area at least six feet from other parents or golfers.

### Class Sessions

- No physical contact
- Participants, parents, guests and staff are encouraged to consider wearing cloth facial coverings during instruction, check-in, pick up. On-course play may not require a facial covering.
- During or after each class, clubs, balls, and other equipment will be disinfected, through the following procedures:
  - Tubs filled with soap and water for golf clubs
  - Buckets filled with soap and water for golf balls
    - Golf balls will be cleaned after every class
  - Other training aids will also be disinfected after each class
- Warm up and directions will be done in small groups to eliminate any larger gatherings.
- Adequate spacing will be enforced in all areas of lessons (putting green, range, etc.) to assure proper social distancing.
- Participants will be assigned groups with a ratio of no greater than **8** kids to each coach for maximum supervision.
- **No golf clubs will be shared during a class.** First Tee participants without clubs can still use our equipment. However, clubs borrowed by participants will be in the sole possession of one student for the duration of class, before being inserted into the disinfectant tub of solution at the end of their activity or class.
- Only one participant/coach at a time will be allowed in the restroom facilities.
- There will be no water coolers provided. Participants will be asked to bring their own water bottles and the sharing of drinks or food will be strictly prohibited.
- Any time participants are required to form a line, all social distancing guidelines in place at the current time will be followed.
- Participants and coaches hands will be sprayed with hand sanitizer after activities they participate in, up to as many as four times per class.

### On-Course

- Golf provides ample opportunities on the golf course and coaches and volunteers will make sure proper distancing is adhered to on the course.
- On Course programming will only be held at facilities that have taken steps to prevent the golf ball from falling into the hole deeper than can be retrieved with 2 fingers.
- Flagsticks will not be touched by any coach or participant.

- Rakes will be removed where clinics are being conducted.
- Golf carts will not be used to transport participants until further notice.

**Inclement Weather**

- Should inclement weather force kids to move inside, social distancing guidelines will be followed at all times. In-person classes will not be held if there is a chance of inclement weather.

**End of Class/Parent Pick Up**

- Students will be released by group to their parents to allow for social distancing.

**Families are encouraged to do the following to promote safe habits:**

- Encourage kids to avoid touching their face
- Encourage kids to wash their hands frequently
- Remind them to sneeze or cough into their elbow
- Encourage them to wear a mask

**Communication of Positive COVID-19 test**

If First Tee is informed of a positive COVID-19 test of any participant, mentor, or coach, First Tee will communicate with all others who may have had contact with said individual as soon as possible. The anonymity of the individual who received the positive test will be maintained.

If your child receives a positive COVID-19 test and attended class at First Tee in the prior 14 days, we ask that you immediately contact us and inform us of the test.

*Given that government response to the COVID-19 pandemic is constantly evolving, First Tee of West Michigan reserves its right to amend these guidelines accordingly.*