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We hope you and your family are safe and healthy. We are all missing our favorite pastime, but we are hopeful at least some of the greens will be opening soon, at least on a limited basis! The following are a recommended set of guidelines to follow to ensure the safety of all of us.

Some of the following are adapted fromthe National Golf Course Owners Association Park and Play Program Guidelines which align with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) “social distancing” and sanitation practices. Once adopted, these measures could potentially allowyour green to continue operations, help the public feel more comfortable, and set expectations during this trying time. All guidelines are subject to change as the phased return to normal or new normal continues.

**Preparing Your Facility**

* Reservations to play: Eliminate drop-in social bowling and require participation time to be made in advance. Update the club website to explain the new procedures to make a reservation. Perhaps design social games from pre-telephone or e-mailed participation requests.
* Publicize: Provide clear professional signage informing guests of operational changes and to encourage participation of the sanitation practices.
* Clean: Increase the frequency of routine cleaning, sanitization and disinfection of all locations, especially all common and high traffic areas, and frequently touched surfaces. Prepare a location, equipment, and plan to sanitize the equipment after every use. Ensure jacks and mats are cleaned thoroughly after every game prior to next use.
* Sanitize: Increase the number of hand sanitizer stations near the green. Ensure approved antimicrobial products are used for all sanitation procedures.
* Do not provide club bowls during this period but, if necessary, ensure sanitation prior to issuance. Perhaps consider lending sets of bowls out on a monthly basis.
* Direct players to bring their own water/beverage bottles and to take them home or discard them in the trash receptacles after play.
* Limit the number of people in the clubhouse based upon the size of the clubhouse and local rules for large group gatherings (such as 10).

**Prior to Play**

* No touching: players to replace handshakes with other touch-less forms of greeting.
* Players shall wear masks at all times.
* Distribute mat(s) and jack(s) using gloves to bowlers who intend to play or practice direct them to keep these in their own possession, until returned to the cleaning station. Avoid too many people touching the equipment not in use.
* Play will be limited to individual practice, singles, or pairs.
* Do not share lifters.
* Spread out games to every other rink with a maximum of four (4) rinks of play on a single green.

**During Play**

* Preferable to set the jack rather than roll it. If rolling the jack is still to be done, jacks will be assigned to each lead to roll themselves. Skips to set the jack with his/her foot. Assign one Skip to pick up the mat after finishing the end. A glove should be worn when picking up the mat. Alternatively, the skip can use the lifter to pick up the mat.
* Preferable to not use rakes and kick bowls into proper placement. If a rake must be used, then only one person does all of the raking. Sanitize the rake before and after play.
* Preferable to not measure. If measuring must be done, assign one person to do all the measuring. Only use your own measure.
* Direct players to eliminate the use of scoreboards by providing paper score cards and pencils that players can keep.
* Players to stand six feet apart at all times while waiting a turn and delivering a bowl.
* Never to touch another player’s bowls except kicking them in with feet.

**After Play**

* Return the equipment to the cleansing area to be disinfected prior to the next usage.
* Direct all players to take their bowls home after play
* Require players to personally dispose of their trash in the nearby receptacles.
* Ask players to leave the green immediately after playing to eliminate congestion/ gathering on the property.

**If your green is located in a state or county/city/community that is still allowing access to the green, consider implementing this program.**