



# ‘Play Safe, Stay Safe’

## COVID 19 – A SAFE RETURN TO PLAYING GOLF

This practical guide has been prepared in consultation with the golf industry to help safeguard our members, visitors and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. At the course, these measures are in place from 7.30am to 6.30pm, seven days a week. Our measures and procedures are under constant review and will be updated as advice from government and governing bodies evolves in line with the gradual lifting of social restrictions.

To access the course a player must:

- Not be in self-isolation
- Not be displaying COVID-19 symptoms
  - Have a pre-booked tee time

### Booking & Arrival at the Club

- Players should travel to the club alone or with a member of the same household
- Cars should be parked at the Club to allow social distancing, please leave a space between cars if you can
- Please do not arrive at the course too early prior to reserved tee time
- Observe social distancing always and resist the temptation to create a gathering
- Travel ready to play in golf attire and change footwear in the car park, locker rooms are not available to change shoes or clothing.
- Sanitised Buggies and Trolleys will be available for hire, single person use only. Sanitiser will be available and we ask that users clean down the buggy and trolley before and after use

### Clubhouse Facilities

- Clubhouse access is limited to the main lounge, dining room and the gents and ladies’ toilets in the corridor adjacent to the lounge. Please sanitise your hands before entering the building.
- Access to the main lounge is through the right hand door of the Club Terrace adjacent to the 18<sup>th</sup> Green. All players will be met by a member of staff, please wait to be seated. Once seated please remain seated at all times, apart from toilet breaks.
- A limited catering menu is in operation.
- Toilet access will be limited to one person at a time. There will be a one-way system in operation from the left hand door of the Club Terrace exiting through the Mens Locker Rooms.
- The vending machine will be operational in the mens locker room entrance
- No access will be permitted to other areas of the Clubhouse

### First Tee

- The Putting Green will be open, players must observe social distancing rules at all times
- Arrive at the 1st tee no more than 5 minutes prior to the reserved tee time
- Tee off times must be strictly observed to ensure group spacing on the course
- Any player(s) not following directions may be asked to leave the course

### On the Course

- Social distancing, must be observed at all times
- Please retain your position on the course, no slow play, keep up with the group in front
- Rubbish bins removed or covered over, please take your rubbish home with you.
- Ball washers removed or covered over
- Please do not sit on the benches
- Bunker rakes removed, players to smooth sand with feet or club after play
- Flagsticks to remain in the hole and must not be touched
- Hole cups will be altered to allow contact-free ball retrieval
- Once a hole is completed, the group in front must have exited the tee box before players can progress to the next tee box
- Equipment, food, and drink must not be exchanged between players unless from the same household
- Players must not pick up another player's equipment or golf ball
- Players must refrain from handshakes, elbow contact, high fives etc.

### Practice Area

- The ball dispenser is only available to Club Members
- Practice nets will be available for use with own balls, please do not physically touch the frames or netting, these will be cleaned down daily
- Chipping Green open, restricted to 2 players at a time, please adhere to social distancing at all times

### Getting Home Safely

- Players must call or email the golf club on [directorofgolf@thengc.co.uk](mailto:directorofgolf@thengc.co.uk) with any post-round health issues or COVID-19 related queries, at the earliest possible opportunity

### Playing Golf

- Any competitions between separate groups should be Stableford and not involve the physical use of or exchange of scorecards
- Preferred lies in bunkers, a player may place a ball in the bunker within one club-length of the original spot for social golf, 6 inches for competitive golf and not nearer to the hole than that spot in line with R&A recommendations. Please smooth out footprints etc. with your foot or club when leaving the bunker
- In social golf, Committee ask that common sense prevails and gimmes are played to minimise the need to hole out.