



## Golf Australia communication regarding COVID-19 for Castlemaine Golf Club



### Dear Victorian Golf Clubs and Facilities,

As you are aware, COVID-19 or the Coronavirus as it is more commonly known has created global health concerns regarding the disease and its infection rates.

Golf Australia is writing to provide further assistance and guidance to our clubs and facilities on this important topic.

### Victorian Government Announcement – October 18, 2020

On Sunday, October 18, the Victorian Government changes to restrictions in Metropolitan Melbourne and Regional Victoria from 11:59 pm on Sunday, October 18. Whilst these announcements were made by Government yesterday, the Chief Health Officer's directives were only released overnight.

### Operations advice – Metropolitan Melbourne

Based on information released by the Victorian Government, Golf Australia can recommend the following for all clubs in Metropolitan Melbourne:

- Golf can recommence being played in groups of two, unless all members of a group are from a maximum of two households.
- Club competitions can not be conducted. Social scores can, however, be submitted for handicapping purposes.
- Practice facilities can only operate if there is at least 100 metres between each group. In practical terms, this will mean that practice facilities will remain closed.
- Golf coaching can recommence for groups of two or less, plus a coach.
- All services must be delivered outside, including pro shop services. For avoidance of doubt, members should not be entering your pro shops.
- Rental clubs, golf carts and pull buggies can not be provided for hire.

- Food and beverage facilities can not operate. This includes the sale of food and beverage through your pro shop.
  - **NB: Golf Australia is making urgent representations on this point to government.**
- Clubhouses can open only for usage of toilet facilities
- Members can only play at a course within 25 kilometres of their home, or permitted workplace
  - **Clubs may consider temporary reciprocal arrangements between clubs to allow members impacted by this limit access to play at another club while this limit remains in place.**
  - **People may not travel into or out of Metropolitan Melbourne to play golf, even if you reside within 25km of a facility.**
- Clubs/facilities must comply with the record keeping requirements
  - That is, name and phone number of all persons who attend the premises for more than 15 minutes. A template to assist can be located [by clicking here](#).
- Masks must still be worn when playing golf. Face mask requirements can be located [by clicking here](#).
- All clubs/facilities will require a COVIDSAFE Plan to be in place.

**From November 1, Golf Australia anticipate that the following changes will come into effect. As always, we will provide an update as soon as we practically can once these changes come into place:**

- Golf can be played in groups of four, regardless of whether they are from the same household or not
- Club competitions can be conducted
- Rental clubs, golf carts and pull buggies can be provided for hire, with all equipment cleaned before and after each use
- Participation programs such as MyGolf and Get Into Golf, as well as all group coaching, can recommence with a maximum group size of ten people (plus a coach).

### **Food & Beverage Operations:**

Clubs/facilities will be allowed to recommence seated hospitality operations from 1 November, 2020 under the following conditions.

#### **Indoors:**

- A maximum of 10 people per group
- A maximum of 10 people per indoor space, up to maximum of 20 people per venue indoors (subject to density requirements of one person per four square metres)

#### **Outdoors:**

- Clubs/facilities must comply with the record keeping requirements

For avoidance of doubt, this means a total cap of 70 people per venue (20 indoors, 50 outdoors)

Workers and staff may return to premises for essential preparations from October 28.

All clubs/facilities will require a COVIDSAFE Plan to be in place.

## **Operations advice – Regional Victoria**

Golf clubs/facilities in Regional Victoria will, from Monday October 19, increase seated hospitality operations under the following conditions:

- Up to 70 people outdoors per venue (subject to density requirements of one person per two square metres)
- Up to 40 people – with a maximum of 10 people per indoor space – per venue (subject to density requirements of one person per four square metres)

For avoidance of doubt, this means a total cap of 110 people per venue (40 indoors, 70 outdoors).

### **Link to DHHS directives**

The relevant directives are listed below:



### **Golf Australia contact:**

If you require additional information or have questions please do not hesitate to contact John Stamp, Club & Facility Support Manager – Vic , on 0418 395 140 or [johnst@golf.org.au](mailto:johnst@golf.org.au)

### **PGA of Australia contact:**

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**Kind regards,**

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