



An Open Letter to Utah Golfers

Dear Utah golfer,

We, Utah's allied golf associations, hope this note finds you, your family and your playing partners healthy and safe.

There's been a lot of talk surrounding whether or not golf courses should remain open during Utah Governor Gary Herbert's Stay Home, Stay Safe directive.

As of today, April 14, golf courses across Utah have been extended the privilege of staying open, at the owner's discretion, as long as they follow strict Centers for Disease Control guidelines and COVID-19 safety protocols.

We believe golf is an outlet to alleviate some of the fear we face in the world today. While we support Governor Herbert's directive we are encouraged that golf is seen as a means of safe recreation, exercise and a welcome respite for Utah's golfers.

We plead that you don't be the player or pairing that ignores social distancing and golf course safety protocols. You can help keep golf open in Utah by being self-aware of golf course safety guidelines at all times while on the course property including, prior to and after play.

Most golf facilities in Utah have implemented the following safety protocols and we implore you to do your part by actively incorporating the list below into your personal golf participation routine.

- Check golf course websites for COVID-19 safety protocols
- Practice safe social distancing at all times before, during and after play
- Pay your green fee online or by phone
- Arrive 10 minutes prior to your tee time
- Walk or single-rider carts only
- Bring your own antibacterial wet wipes for use before, during and after play
- Upon arrival through departure handle your own golf bag
- Do not share clubs, touch flagsticks, bunker rakes or ball-washers
- Do not adjust flagsticks or hole-liners. Our golf course superintendents are doing a wonderful job providing a safe flag/hole-liner environment
- Please be aware that you are being watched by non-golfers and news media looking for golfers ignoring COVID-19 safety protocols

While we are able to enjoy playing golf we must remember that these are unusual times and we have to do what's best for the health of our families and communities. Do not be the few to mess things up for the many.

Whether you are a golfer, an owner, a superintendent, a manager, a golf professional, etc. please do your part to ensure you're following the rules set forth by Governor Herbert's Stay Home, Stay Safe directive and our golf facilities' COVID-19 safety protocols.

Since its inception, golf has been a game of integrity. A game that has trusted each individual to police themselves. Let's continue in that legacy in an effort to keep everyone safe.

Stay safe, stay well, keep golf open by being self-aware at all times.