



April 2, 2020

Dear Georgia Golf Stakeholder,

Governor Brian Kemp's Executive Order was signed into effect this afternoon. The order calls for a statewide shelter in place to be in effect tomorrow Friday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m. EDT and lasts through 11:59 p.m. EDT on Monday, April 13.

Included in the Governor's Order was language which includes golf as a permissible outdoor exercise activity during the shelter in place mandate and thus allows golf courses to remain open for play as long as safe social distancing (minimum distance of 6 feet) is maintained and all CDC guidelines are implemented by golf facilities to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

All golf facilities in Georgia must continue to adhere to all government regulations and CDC guidelines, while ensuring continuous practice of social distancing occurs, if they are to be allowed to remain open. Many facilities have taken the following steps, for example, to prevent the spread of COVID-19 while remaining open for play:

- Limiting access to walking only or requiring only one individual in a golf cart if carts are permitted
- Removal of items such as ball washers, rakes and water coolers from the golf course to minimize touch points
- Ensuring flagsticks are sanitized and remain in cups at all times
- Cup inserts have been raised above the putting green, installed upside down or have an insert to restrict the ball from fully entering the hole, minimizing contact with surfaces

We will continue to distribute more information and provide additional updates as needed.

Sincerely,

Georgia Chapter of Club Management Association of America  
Georgia Chapter of Golf Course Superintendents Association of America  
Georgia Section of the PGA of America  
Georgia State Golf Association