



## MGC COVID-19 Protocol

**Note that this Protocol is a dynamic document and will change as new information becomes available from the health authorities and we gain experience with our processes and procedures. It is posted on the Club's website.**

### Introduction

The Mississippi Golf Club has the obligation to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our members, guests and employees.

To ensure the safety of everyone at the Mississippi during this COVID-19 pandemic, procedures have been developed and implemented. They have been designed to minimize contact with surfaces and to ensure physical distancing between individuals for your safety and that of your playing partners and course employees.

### Proof of Covid Vaccination

The Mississippi Golf Club has implemented a Proof of Covid Vaccination policy to comply with the Government of Ontario requirements. As of September 22, 2021, members and guests aged 12 years and over need to be fully vaccinated against Covid (two doses plus 14 days) and provide their proof of vaccination along with a piece of personal ID to access the restaurant and bar.

**The Proof of Covid Vaccination Policy** is posted on the Club's website.

### Compliance

**You are expected to comply with the procedures in this protocol. Failure to do so puts you and others at risk and will result in you being asked to immediately leave the premises. It also risks the closure of the facility.**

### Restricted Access

No one is permitted to enter any part of the course if they:

- Are currently **experiencing one or more Covid-19 symptoms** (see Appendix A)
- **Have been told** by a doctor, health care provider or public health unit to **isolate** (stay at home)
- In the last 14 days, have been **identified as a "close contact"** of someone who currently has Covid-19
- In the last 14 days, have **travelled outside Canada or live with someone who has**
- In the last 14 days, have **received a COVID Alert exposure notification**
- **Are living with someone** currently experiencing any new symptoms of Covid-19 and/or waiting for test results

## Screening for Illness

Prior to entering the course, everyone should screen themselves for Covid-19. Use the Ontario Government self-assessment site:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/screening/worker/approved>

or answer the attached questions. See Appendix A.

## General

- In the parking lot, be conscious of those around you and practice physical distancing by maintaining a minimum of 2 meters from others.
- Golfers are encouraged to wear a mask from the parking lot to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee and from the 18<sup>th</sup> tee back to the parking lot, as well as between the 9<sup>th</sup> green and the 10<sup>th</sup> tee.
- Do not congregate around the pro shop, and ensure you practice physical distancing.
- At time of check-in prior to the start of their round, all golfers will be reminded to read and comply with posted notices.
- If your round is suspended because of rain, do not congregate waiting for the resumption of play. Practice physical distancing by maintaining a minimum of 2 meters from others.

## On Course

- Pace of play must be maintained to ensure that not more than one group is waiting on a tee box.
- Practice physical distancing by maintaining a minimum of 2 meters from others. Observe the yellow separation markings where they are indicated.
- Do not shake hands, high five, fist bump, etc.
- Do not exchange tees, balls, ball markers, score cards or pencils.
- Seed mix pails will be available only on the par threes.
- The cups and flags on the practice green have been removed. To provide a target, marker stakes will be placed on the practice green to ensure physical distancing.
- To ring any of the warning bells on holes 3, 6 and 12, it is recommended to insert a club into the loop on the clapper chain.
- Trash bins are located at all holes and outside the Pro Shop. Players are asked to dispose of their trash responsibly in the bins provided.

## Power Carts

- Cart partitions are available upon request. Please let the Pro Shop know if you wish to use a partition and they will have one installed.
- The partitions are 16 mil flexible vinyl separators between the driver and the passenger. These installations are approved by the Workplace Safety and Prevention Services (WSPS) of Ontario.

## Pro Shop

- **As mandated by local health authorities, customers entering the pro shop must wear a face mask. If you do not have a mask you can purchase one in the pro shop for \$1.00.**
- Customers in the pro shop must maintain a physical distance of a minimum of 2 meters from others.
- A clear barrier has been installed to separate staff from members and guests.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance.
- Score cards and pencils are available right of the door as you exist.
- Door handles, debit machines and public-used surfaces will be wiped down with disinfectant on a regular schedule.
- Back shop staff will wear PPE as required.
- Front shop staff will also wear PPE as required.
- Debit and credit cards are the preferred methods of payment.

## Club Storage and Carts

- **Club storage** is provided to those members who have paid for it. **Refer to the MGC COVID-19 Club Storage Protocol.** It is posted on the members section of the Club's website.
- Club cleaning services **will not** be available at this time.
- For those members, not storing their clubs, that need assistance with the handling of their clubs, in and out of their car, the back-shop staff will provide the help.
- Power carts will be sanitized prior to each use.
- Pull carts will be stored in the club storage area and the handle of the cart will be sanitized prior to each use.

## Driving Range and Pitching Area

- Handles of the baskets for driving range balls will be wiped with sanitizer prior to each customer's use.
- All customers using the driving range will be asked to maintain physical distancing of at least 2 meters apart.

## Clubhouse

- **As mandated by provincial authorities, customers entering the clubhouse must wear a face mask except when seated.**
  - **If you do not have a mask you can purchase one from the pro shop for \$1.00.**
- The clubhouse is open for restaurant and bar service with a limited capacity as posted. **For services, refer to the protocol for Food and Beverage Services During Covid-19.**
- At all times, members and guests must practice physical distancing by maintaining a minimum of 2 meters from others except when seated at a table.
- For the club house, enter through the main floor entrance and exit will be through the left-hand patio door as indicated by directional arrows on the floor.
- For the bar, enter through the main clubhouse or the patio or side doors.
- Door handles, the food order counter, stair rails, and washroom surfaces will be disinfected on a periodic basis.
- **For patio use, refer to the protocol for Food and Beverage Services During Covid-19.**

## Clubhouse Washrooms

- The upstairs and downstairs washrooms are available for use by members and guests and **can be used by two persons at a time. Users must wear a mask.** If waiting to use a washroom practice physical distancing.
- Use the main door and the staircase to access the downstairs washrooms. Leave the downstairs area through either of the two exit doors: to the 18<sup>th</sup> green or to the stairs on the pro shop side of the club house.
- Each of the washrooms is equipped with a dispenser for disinfectant wipes. Members and guests are asked to use these wipes to clean surfaces after use.
- Garbage pails will be provided for disposal of the used paper towels and wipes, and will be emptied on a regular basis.
- Soap will be provided for washing hands.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided outside each of the washrooms. Members and guests must use it immediately after leaving the washrooms.

## **Locker Rooms, Showers and the Ladies' Lounge**

- Both ladies' and men's locker rooms are open for use, as well as the ladies' lounge. Users must wear masks and maintain a minimum distance of 2 meters from others.

## **Food Services**

- **For food services, refer to the protocol for Food and Beverage Services During Covid-19.**
- You can remotely place an order before, during or after a round by calling the kitchen directly: 613-257-3396 extension 2.
- Customers must wear a mask when ordering or picking up beverages from the food service window in the clubhouse.

## **Bar Service and Beverage Cart**

- **For Bar services, refer to the protocol for Food and Beverage Services During Covid-19.**
- Customers must wear a mask when ordering or picking up beverages from the bar in the clubhouse.
- Customers must wear a mask when ordering or picking up beverages from the beverage cart.

## **Portable Toilets on the Golf Course**

- Staff will disinfect door handles, surrounding areas and toilet seats and lids before the start of play each day.
- Any personal disinfectant wipes or paper towels used for sanitizing surfaces are to be disposed of in the trash bin outside each portable toilet.

**DO NOT DROP THEM INTO THE WASTE TANK OF THE TOILET.**

- Wall-mounted hand sanitizer dispensers are available inside and outside of each unit. Members and guests must use the hand sanitizer provided.

## **Interclub Tournaments**

- Interclub tournaments and qualifying events are assumed to proceed on schedule but will depend on tournament organizers. Further information will be distributed as it becomes available from the OVGA and UVGA.

## Appendix A – Required Screening Questions

1. Are you currently experiencing one or more of the symptoms below that are new or worsening? Symptoms should not be chronic or related to other known causes or conditions.

For individuals who are 18 years of age and older:

Do you have one or more of the following symptoms? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Fever and/or chills</b>	Temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius/100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
<b>Cough or barking cough (croup)</b>	Not related to asthma, post-infectious reactive airways, COPD, or other known causes or conditions you already have
<b>Shortness of breath</b>	Not related to asthma or other known causes or conditions you already have
<b>Sore throat</b>	Not related to seasonal allergies, acid reflux, or other known causes or conditions you already have
<b>Difficulty swallowing</b>	Painful swallowing not related to other known causes or conditions you already have
<b>Decrease or Loss of smell or taste</b>	Not related to seasonal allergies, neurological disorders, or other known causes or conditions you already have
<b>Pink eye</b>	Conjunctivitis (not related to reoccurring styes or other known causes or conditions you already have)
<b>Runny or stuffy/congested nose</b>	Not related to seasonal allergies, being outside in cold weather, or other known causes or conditions you already have
<b>Headache</b>	Unusual, long-lasting (not related to tension-type headaches, chronic migraines, or other known causes or conditions you already have)
<b>Digestive issues Like nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain</b>	Not related to irritable bowel syndrome, menstrual cramps, or other known causes or conditions you already have
<b>Muscle aches</b>	Unusual, long-lasting (not related to a sudden injury, fibromyalgia, or other known causes or conditions you already have)
<b>Extreme tiredness</b>	Unusual, fatigue, lack of energy (not related to depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction, or other known causes or conditions you already have)
<b>Falling down often</b>	For older people

**For individuals who are under 18 years of age:**

<p><b>Do you have one or more of the following symptoms?</b>      <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>                      <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p>	
<b>Fever and/or chills</b>	Temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius/100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
<b>Cough or barking cough (croup)</b>	Continuous, more than usual, making a whistling noise when breathing (not related to asthma, post-infectious reactive airways, or other known causes or conditions you already have)
<b>Shortness of breath</b>	Out of breath, unable to breathe deeply (not related to asthma or other known causes or conditions you already have)
<b>Decrease or Loss of smell or taste</b>	Not related to seasonal allergies, neurological disorders, or other known causes or conditions you already have
<b>Sore throat or difficulty swallowing</b>	Painful swallowing (not related to seasonal allergies, acid reflux, or other known causes or conditions you already have)
<b>Runny or stuffy/congested nose</b>	Not related to seasonal allergies, being outside in cold weather, or other known causes or conditions you already have
<b>Headache</b>	Unusual, long-lasting (not related to tension-type headaches, chronic migraines, or other known causes or conditions you already have)
<b>Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea</b>	Not related to irritable bowel syndrome, anxiety, menstrual cramps, or other known causes or conditions you already have
<b>Extreme tiredness or muscle aches</b>	Unusual, fatigue, lack of energy (not related to depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction, sudden injury, or other known causes or conditions you already have)

2. **Has a doctor, health care provider, or public health unit told you that you should currently be isolating (staying at home)?**

Yes

No

3. **In the Last 14 days, have you been identified as a "close contact" of someone who currently has COVID-19?**

Yes

No

4. **In the Last 14 days, have you received a COVID Alert exposure notification on your cell phone?**

If you already went for a test and got a negative result, select "No."

Yes

No

5. **In the Last 14 days, have you or anyone you Live with travelled outside of Canada?** If you or anyone you live with are exempted from federal quarantine as per Group Exemptions. Quarantine Requirements under the Quarantine Act, select "No".

Yes

No

6. **Is anyone you Live with currently experiencing any new COVID-19 symptoms and/or waiting for test results after experiencing symptoms?**

Yes

No