

NYS POSITION ON GOLF COURSE OPERATIONS AND COVID-19

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The RDGA is pleased to announce as of Wednesday, March 25, that the **Empire State Development** office has determined **golf courses throughout New York State** can operate under the current **NYS COVID-19** restrictions if using appropriate precautions to maintain social distancing, as identified by the **NYS Parks Department** on this website:

<https://parks.ny.gov/covid19/>

Golf: Courses are taking steps to help stop the spread of COVID-19, including increasing the space between tee times, removing ball washers and bunker rakes, and avoiding the use of tandem golf carts.

USGA: The USGA has issued official modifications of the Rules of Golf and Handicapping when posting scores while utilizing Social Distancing, as well as some general guidelines:

[CLICK HERE](#) for **USGA Guidance on the Rules of Golf and Handicapping, related to COVID-19 restrictions.**

[CLICK HERE](#) for **FAQs related to COVID-19 and the Rules of Golf**

Should you decide to play golf, please take all necessary precautions.

Contact the RDGA office at 585-292-5950 or via email at info@RDGA.org if you have any questions.