



## Advice to Whyalla Golfers regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The recommendations below are in **addition to all general advice** given by the Federal and State Government advisers and professionals to the Australian public.

**Golf Australia** provided further assistance and guidance to clubs and facilities on this important topic. Below is an abridged version of their **recommendations**.

**These practical measures can be applied by golfers to reduce the risk of transmission.**

### Playing Golf

It should be noted that the vast majority of golfers can and should continue to visit clubs and facilities as per normal. Of course, golfers, staff and volunteers should exhibit a heightened awareness of personal hygiene as has been encouraged by state and federal health departments.

### Clubhouse & Golf Operations

Clubs should consider reviewing their clubhouse and golf operations ensuring procedures are in place that **minimise close person-to-person contact where possible**. It is up to clubs or facility management to consider whether policies on clubhouse opening hours, course opening hours and visitor access require review at this time.

### Course Maintenance Operations

Clubs and facilities should consider reviewing their course maintenance operations ensuring procedures are in place that minimise close person-to-person contact. Practices within the course maintenance team should display a heightened regard for the sanitation of surfaces, including machinery controls.

Examples of simple changes to regular operations, that will reduce the risk of transmission:

- **Place signage around clubhouse along with hand sanitisers**  
(Note: No supplies of sanitisers currently available in Whyalla!) - Use plenty of soap.
- **Where possible, leaving doors ajar removing the need to push doors open or turn handles**
- **No hand shaking**
- **No dollar bets**
- **Use drink trays for rounds of drinks**
- **Remove items such sun creams, hair brushes and combs, hair gel from locker rooms**
- **Sanitise motorised carts, push buggy and sand bucket handles, before and after use**
- **Encourage golfers to wear their putting glove when removing the flag stick and when raking bunkers**
- **Remove cash transactions and encourage 'Pay-Wave' transactions where no contact is required**
- **Remove small pins from practice putting greens**

The recommendations above should be undertaken using common sense and respect, and at the discretion of each golfer and group.