

## COVID-19 UPDATE

Update from the Course Director (LHGC) and (LHGCC) on COVID procedures from Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2021

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The Course Director /Head Greenkeeper (LHGC) and the Management (LHGCC) met on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 to discuss the changes we would make to golf and our facilities following recent Government announcements. In summary, we agreed it would be appropriate to follow the England Golf (EG) advice to play safe and stay safe on the course, with a few precautions when using our clubhouse and changing facilities.

We are aware that a significant number of members fall into the extremely clinically vulnerable, or clinically vulnerable categories. Some people have not received their Booster vaccine. Please always act and behave with others' safety and feelings in mind.

Taking various factors into account, including the communications from Government and concern in the community about hospitality venues, The Management Team feel it is appropriate, right now, to leave a few sensible precautions in place whilst ensuring we open in the spirit of the guidance we receive. We have tried to strike the right balance for all and outline our procedures below.

### **Course and competitions**

In line with EG guidance, it was agreed to revert to pre-pandemic conditions to include:

- Rakes will remain in bunker.
- Flagsticks may be removed.
- Covid hole liners not required for now.
- Benches can be used on the course.
- Waste bins will be in place however We encourage members to take home any rubbish they create whilst out on the course.
- The compressed air shoe and equipment cleaner will be operational.
- Practice green flags will remain in place.
- Sanitising stations will be operational at strategic locations around the clubhouse area. We encourage members to carry their own personal sanitiser.
- Competition cards may be exchanged between partners if all parties agree otherwise the current practice of self-recording and agreeing scores with fellow players may be continued. Personal score entry will return in the pro shop lobby, however, please sanitise your hands before using the touchscreen.



## **Booking System**

- In accordance with EG guidance it was agreed that the current booking system will remain in force for the foreseeable future.
- The General Manager (Chris Hanks) will review the future direction on tee bookings.
- Prior to any future commitment to maintaining a booking system, or reverting to the previous roll up option, the Management Team will review this accordingly.
- First morning tee times will be 7:16 am and will change subject to daylight hrs
- The current option to play the back 9 holes and the Horndon Friday to Sunday will be maintained.

## **Pro Shop**

- Whilst the pro shop is seen as primarily the responsibility of the Head Professional to operate as he sees fit (within club contractual arrangements), Face coverings must be always worn by staff, golfers and visitors in the pro shop/reception area unless working behind the protective screens. Staff are advised to wear a face covering in this instance.

## **Changing rooms and showers**

- It was agreed that whilst not obligatory, members will be told that the wearing of masks in the changing room is preferable.
- The showers will remain open and may be used, subject to members making their own risk assessment when using them. We respectfully ask you to keep your distances and to do your best to keep the showers clean after use. Think of the next person using them.

## **Clubhouse Lounge, Restaurant, and function rooms**

- Whilst not obligatory, the track and trace system in the clubhouse will be maintained, and its use is strongly encouraged.
- At the moment there is no need for a one-way system.
- Whilst not obligatory, we would prefer people to wear masks whilst moving around the clubhouse area.
- Adequate ventilation will be maintained within the clubhouse area and fan light windows will be opened.
- The 'Grab and Go window' will remain in operation.

We will constantly review the situation and adapt our processes based on Government and EG guidance, as well as feedback from our staff and members. We want everyone to enjoy our club to its full effect. Please be patient, please be



tolerant, please be mindful of others. As we head toward the Christmas period, we appeal for every member and visitor to respect our decisions to enjoy your golf and help protect our staff our facilities and our members.

Play safe and stay safe.

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