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Dear Georgia Golf Stakeholder,

After ongoing discussions with State officials, we have received additional guidance related to social distancing requirements for golf carts. We have been advised by the State that golf facilities may now allow two individuals to ride together in a cart, regardless of whether those individuals are occupants of the same household or residence. However, the State recommends that golfers ride in a cart by themselves or that face masks are worn when two people ride together.

Given this new guidance, we strongly encourage facilities to consider all of the following actions to offer a safer environment for golfers to enjoy the game while also helping to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Provide golfers with the option to take a cart by themselves, especially anyone that is at higher risk according to publicly available guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- Offer face masks to anyone choosing to ride in a cart with another individual.
- Install a temporary partition or shield between individuals riding in cart and communicate that the same individual should drive the cart throughout the round. Disinfect the partition/shield along with the rest of cart after each use. These partitions and shields are currently available for purchase through golf cart manufacturers and other sources.

Regarding restaurants and dining services, the State has informed us that facilities are highly encouraged to allow parties of up to 10 at the same table only if the entire party is from the same household or residence, but this is not a requirement.

*Note: We are providing the information above for informational purposes and encourage golf facilities to follow up with their respective legal counsel for confirmation and additional needs related to the interpretation of existing Executive Orders.*

Golf's national allied associations have continued collaborating on new information for facilities including version 3.0 of the Back2Golf Operational Handbook which was released on May 18<sup>th</sup> which includes additional guidance for competitions. Below are links to various resources currently available:

**Golf Course Superintendents Association of America**

<https://www.gcsaa.org/resources/back2golf-resources>

**Club Management Association of America**

<https://cmaa.org/covid/Reopening/index.html>

**PGA of America**

<https://www.pga.org/coronavirus-resources>

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