



## ENGLAND GOLF

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### **Advice following a positive COVID-19 test from a player or staff member**

In most cases, there is generally no need to close down the facility. Control measures provided by regular cleaning and sanitation procedures should continue and prevent the need for closure.

#### **General cleaning**

- The club/ facility should frequently clean work areas, equipment, objects and surfaces that are used or touched. Disinfecting and cleaning workspaces and removing waste and belongings at the end of each shift should also be taking place as a matter of course

#### **Required actions after a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19**

Where there has been a suspected or confirmed case, the club should carry out a number of key procedures:

- Clean the facility thoroughly with soap and water or detergent followed by further cleaning with a hypochlorite solution (bleach) containing minimum 1000ppm available chlorine solution.
- Note: Cleaning should take place after someone with suspected coronavirus (COVID-19) has left to reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people
  - If an employee has tested positive, pay particular attention to the area that they have been working in and the equipment they have used etc
  - If a member has tested positive and they have not used the clubhouse facility, pay particular attention when thorough cleaning touch points, handles, toilets etc.
  - If a member has tested positive and they have used the clubhouse facility, pay particular attention to the areas frequented when doing a thorough clean of the facility, as well as all other touch points
- Those responsible for carrying out cleaning should wear disposable or washing-up gloves as well as aprons. After use, these should be double-bagged, then stored securely for 72 hours and then thrown away in the regular rubbish
- Using a disposable cloth, first clean hard surfaces with warm soapy water. Then disinfect these surfaces with the cleaning products you normally use. Pay particular attention to frequently touched areas and

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surfaces such as bathrooms, grab-rails in corridors, stairwells and door handles

- If an area has been heavily contaminated, such as with visible bodily fluids, from a person with coronavirus (COVID-19), use protection for the eyes, mouth and nose, as well as wearing gloves and an apron
- Staff responsible for cleaning should wash hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds

### **'Test and Trace'**

- Clubs/facilities should organise a system of booking and allocation of tee times that ensures the safety of staff and golfers
- Clubs/ facilities have a legal obligation to collect details of all members and visitors entering the clubhouse for Test and Trace. These details must be stored, in compliance with GDPR, for 21 days
- Clubs/ facilities must also display an official NHS QR Code poster so that visitors can 'check-in' as an alternative to providing their contact details. [Click here for more detail and to create a QR Code](#)
- In the event of a member or visitor testing positive for COVID-19, the individual will be contacted by Test and Trace to identify close contacts. The club/ facility may then be contacted to provide details of others who were present at the same time
- The club/ facility does not need to take any steps unless contacted by Test and Trace in this way

### **Isolation**

Full Government advice on who should self-isolate and for what period of time can be found by clicking here – [Government Advice](#)

In general

- Anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, even if mild, must self-isolate for 10 days from when symptoms started
- Anyone that tests positive for COVID-19 must self-isolate for 10 days from the date of their positive test
- Anyone living with someone experiencing symptoms or testing positive must self-isolate for 14 days

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- Those who have been in close contact with someone that later tests positive for COVID-19 may be contacted by Test and Trace and instructed to self-isolate for a period of time

### **Communications to staff and golfers**

- Pre advice to staff and customers is important – if feeling unwell, please don't visit and follow self-isolation guidance above
- Clubs/ facilities should have a sickness procedure in place and train all staff on following this procedure
- Customer rules should state that, if an individual feels unwell, they must not come to the club and must follow government guidelines
- Clubs/ facilities may wish to inform staff, volunteers and members if a positive test is linked to the club, but must not name the individual(s) affected or provide any information that might identify the individual

### **Notifying Environmental Health and Local Authority**

- Contact with Local Authority Environmental Health Officers is probably not required unless a significant outbreak occurs involving a large number of staff members
- Should reporting be needed, a RIDDOR report can be filed online by clicking here - <https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/riddor-reporting-coronavirus.htm>

### **Further Advice and Guidance**

- Government advice on all areas related to COVID-19 can be found through the link below - <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- Local Authority Environmental Health Officers can support clubs/ facilities to ensure that all appropriate measures are being taken and that any local restrictions are being followed. They can also provide advice in the event of positive cases
- Free Health and Safety advice is available to all clubs/ facilities affiliated to England Golf through Xact - <https://www.englandgolf.org/article/health-safety-hr-support/>