



AN OPEN LETTER TO OAK MARSH GOLFERS

Dear Oak Marsh golfer,

We, Oak Marsh Golf Course, hope this note finds you, your family, and your playing partners healthy and safe.

There's been a lot of talk surrounding whether or not golf courses should remain open during Minnesota Governor Tim Walz's Shelter in Place Directive.

Oak Marsh Golf Course will open and continue to stay open, as long as our golfers follow strict Centers for Disease Control guidelines and COVID-19 safety protocols.

We believe golf is an outlet to alleviate some of the fear we face in the world today. While we support Governor Walz's directive, we are encouraged that golf is seen as a means of safe recreation, exercise, and a welcome respite for Minnesota's golfers.

We plead that you don't be the player or pairing that ignores social distancing and golf course safety protocols. You can help keep golf open in Minnesota by being self-aware of golf course safety guidelines at all times while on the course property including, prior to and after play.

We have implemented the following safety protocols and we implore you to do your part by actively incorporating the list below into your personal golf participation routine.

- Check the Oak Marsh course website for more [detailed](#) COVID-19 safety protocols. We have also attached a copy to this letter.
- Practice safe social distancing (6ft) at all times before, during, and after play
- Arrive 10 minutes prior to your tee time
- Bring your own antibacterial wet wipes for use before, during, and after play
- Upon arrival, through departure handle your own golf bag
- Do not share clubs. Do not touch or adjust flagsticks or ball lifters. Bunker rakes and ball-washers have been removed.
- Please be aware that you are being watched by non-golfers and news media looking for golfers ignoring COVID-19 safety protocols.

While we are able to enjoy playing golf we must remember that these are unusual times and we have to do what's best for the health of our families and communities. Do not be the few to mess things up for the many.

Oak Marsh Golfers, please do your part to ensure you're following the rules set forth by Governor Walz, CDC and the Oak Marsh COVID-19 safety protocols.

Since its inception, golf has been a game of integrity. A game that has trusted each individual to police themselves; let's continue in that legacy in an effort to keep everyone safe.

Stay safe, stay well, keep golf open by being self-aware and following the safety protocols at all times.



OAK MARSH GOLF COURSE

COVID-19 GUIDELINES, PRACTICES, AND GOLF COURSE RULES OF PLAY

Clubhouse Operations – Touchless Check-in & Service

1. Preferred form of touchless payment for fees, food, and beverage will be credit or debit card.
2. All touchable surfaces are continually being disinfected throughout the day, including golf carts and push carts.
3. We encourage all golfers to bring their own hand sanitizer and disinfectant.
4. Masks are strongly encouraged while checking in and ordering food and beverage.
5. Food and beverages are available for dine-in and takeout.

Golf Course Rules of Play

1. All golfers must remain at least 6 feet apart at all times. Golfers must not share golf equipment.
2. Before returning your golf cart, you must remove all trash from the golf cart. The golf cart will be sanitized by staff after every use.
3. Flagsticks must stay in the cup at all times. Do not touch flagsticks.
4. Ball lifters should be used to lift your ball out of the hole. Do not touch or tamper with ball lifters.
5. All bunker rakes, water coolers, and golf ball washers have been removed from the course.
6. Intentional and deliberate failure to abide by these rules will be subject to expulsion from the grounds without a refund.

All guidelines and golf course rules of play are subject to change without prior notice.

Oak Marsh's number one priority is to keep our customers, employees, and community safe. Thank you for your cooperation and support.