

First Tee – Greater Charleston COVID-19 Guidelines & Requirements

This document has been created for the safety of all players, parents, and coaches. Please help us create a safe culture by discussing the importance of mask-wearing, social distancing, and sanitizing at home. Some changes have been made for Summer 2021, and they have been updated in yellow.

Culture/Etiquette

- Facial coverings will be required during check-in, pick up, individual coach-participant instruction, and group directives for coaches and players. Some on-course play and games will not require a facial covering for players as long as social distancing is followed.
 - Participants are expected to bring their own masks to each class. If they do not bring one, they will not be able to participate that day.
 - Participants are asked to keep their masks with them AT ALL TIMES during class. This could be with a gaiter around their neck, a lanyard connected to the mask, or a pocket to keep the mask in.
- Handshakes, high-fives, fist bumps, elbow bumps, and other physical contact must be avoided at all times, including during introductions, for encouragement, and at departure.
- There will be 3 coaches at each class.
- Participants must bring their own water to class as communal water jugs cannot be provided during this phase of reopening. Please make sure it is labeled with your child's name, and he/she has enough water for the duration of the class.

Arrival and Check In

- A car line will begin at designated locations below to drop off participants.
 - One coach will walk to the front of the car line 5 minutes before practice begins to check in participants one-by-one and direct them to their color-coded cone for the day.
 - Please be respectful of golf course patrons. Many car line locations are located in parking lots. If you arrive early, please park in a spot until check in begins as not to block other cars.
 - Participants cannot get out of their car before directed by the coach.
 - Car line locations:
 - Patriots Point Links: by the driving range pavilion
 - Wescott Golf Club: at the bag drop area
 - Charleston Municipal: by the putting green
 - Shadowmoss Golf Club: by the putting green
 - The Club at Pine Forest: at the clubhouse
 - RiverTowne Country Club: on RiverTowne Country Club Drive, lined up along the practice facility

- Berkeley Country Club: at the putting green
- We prefer that families only transport children within their family and not carpool.
- Coaches, Participants, AND their parents/guardians must wear masks during the check-in process.
- We will no longer be temperature-checking participants at arrival. We ask that parents/families please monitor your children before class, and please keep them at home if they appear ill or have an elevated temperature.
- Once participants arrive at their colored cone for the day, they will be given hand sanitizer to use.

Equipment Sharing

- When signing up for a class online, players will be asked if they need to borrow equipment. If you indicate “yes,” you will be emailed prior to the class start date for your child’s height and if he/she is left or right-handed.
- Participants may share First Tee’s loaner golf clubs and will be touching the same golf balls, tees, and other communal equipment during class. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout class as needed.

During Class

- Coaches may drive participants to a practice location in traditional, 6, or 8-seater golf carts. Facial coverings must be worn during all transportation times by coaches and participants.
- Hitting stations on the driving range will be set up at least 12 feet apart so that coaches will have room to work with participants while also remaining socially distant.
 - In areas where this much space is not available, stations may be set up in closer proximity, but masks will be worn while hitting.
- Safety zones will be set up 12 feet back from the hitting stations so that coaches may walk freely in the area between the hitting and safety zones to coach while staying socially distant.
- Any time that a coach is working with a participant one-on-one in a close setting, both parties must wear masks.

Check Out

- At the conclusion of class, a coach will walk to the start of the car line, designating that it is pick up time.
- Parents/Guardians must remain in their cars while waiting for their player.
- Players will wait at their cones (same cones where they waited upon arrival) until their Parent/Guardian is at the front of the designated car line, at which time they will walk over to their car to leave as directed by the coach.
- All participants will use hand sanitizer before leaving.

Sanitary Precautions

- Classes will be scheduled **15** minutes apart so that coaches will have time to sanitize all equipment, golf carts, and set up for the next class.
 - Participants may not arrive early and must wait in their car until class begins, at which time the Safety coach will go to the front of the car line to begin check-in.
- Hand sanitizer will be supplied during class and use will be encouraged by the coaches throughout all activities.
- We will not be offering any class makeups or refunds due to individual missed classes this season. Our classes are all at their maximum capacity.

Preparing for When Someone Gets Sick

- If someone associated with the program becomes sick, coaches and parents are expected to follow the [reporting guidelines outlined by the CDC](#). Meghan Taylor (meghan@firstteechs.org) will be the point of contact for parents to communicate when a person tests positive for COVID-19 or was exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.