**First Tee – Greater Charleston COVID-19 Guidelines & Requirements**

*A note from First Tee Staff:*

*Due to updated CDC guidelines from May 13, 2021, fully vaccinated coaches (i.e. coaches who have received both doses of Moderna or Pfizer or one dose of Johnson & Johnson AND waited two weeks) are no longer required to wear masks during any indoor or outdoor programs. As an organization that believes in leading by example, we are asking fully vaccinated coaches to still have a mask with them for times they are needed (as outlined below). Unvaccinated coaches will still wear masks at all times socially distancing is not possible.*

*Please note that because children under the age of 12 cannot be vaccinated, all requirements for participants ages 5-12 will still remain in place as well as any participant ages 12-18 who is not yet fully vaccinated. Because of the hot summer temperatures, we are encouraging all coaches to space classes as much as possible so that participants will be 6 feet or more apart and can take off their masks. However, there will be times (i.e. riding on golf carts with other participants and coaches or going indoors to use the restroom) that masks will be needed. All unvaccinated participants must bring a mask with them each week and will be turned away if they do not have a mask.*

*As an organization, our Nine Core Values are most important. We ask all families and coaches use respect and integrity when following all of these guidelines during our summer season.*

**Culture/Etiquette**

* Facial coverings will be required during check-in, pick up, individual coach-participant instruction, and group directives for coaches and players for all unvaccinated participants and coaches. Some on-course play and games will not require a facial covering as long as social distancing is followed.
	+ Unvaccinated 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.
* Participants must bring their own water to class as communal water jugs cannot be provided at this time. 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.
		- 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
		- Dunes West: next to the swimming pool and bag drop on Hartford Village Way
* We prefer that families only transport children within their family and not carpool.
* 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.

**Equipment Sharing**

* When signing up for a class online, players will be asked if they need to borrow equipment, and that equipment will be ready for them to borrow each week.
* 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 and equipment will be sanitized between classes.

**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 unvaccinated 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, any unvaccinated party must wear a mask.

**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.
* 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 a 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](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html%23preparing&sa=D&ust=1591895082783000). 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.