

First Tee of Eastern Michigan Coronavirus/COVID-19 Programming Guidelines

First Tee's top priority for programming is the health and safety of our participants, employees, and volunteers. We have been monitoring all available information related to the continued spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). After reviewing the relevant updates from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the World Health Organization and state and local health departments, we have established guidelines for coaches, participants, class structure and cleaning protocols to proceed with caution.

It is our obligation to proactively put the health and safety of both youth and adults first and do our part to help minimize the spread of this virus and the impact it will have on our nation's health system and our community.

As we proceed with summer programming in 2020, we will follow the safety cautions outlined below. FTEM understands that our classes would look and feel different for both our coaches and participants, but these measures are required for everyone's safety.

Coaches and Staff

- We would assign one person at each location to be the lead on safety measures. This person would not coach during class but would be responsible for check in and out, safety and cleaning procedures and would monitor proper social distancing.
- All coaches and staff would wear face coverings during check in and transitioning to stations.
- Coaches have the option to remove their mask at stations once social distancing is in place.
- All coaches and staff would have temperature checked prior to class.

Class Structure

- No TARGET Class (ages 5 and 6) as they are too young to observe social distancing.
- Abbreviated, one-hour class for Player Group. 2-hour class for Par, normal class times for Birdie, Eagle.
- No classroom activity – yardage book work would be done by email or online type of class.
- Maximum of 16 players in a class.
- Coach to participant ratio would be one coach to four students. The coach would stay with students throughout class and be the same coach assigned for each group every week.
- No parents allowed on range – they can wait in the car if they would like.
- No check in table – Safety lead or other designated staff will check students in and out at the entrance to the facility.
- Four separate activity stations at each facility. An example might be putting green, chipping green, upper range tee, lower range tee. Recommend 20 yards between each activity station.
- No water stations – students will need to bring their own water and snacks.
- Hand sanitizer station at the practice facility.

- Each group of 4 students should be grouped by age if possible.
- Rental clubs will be sanitized before and after use. No club sharing.
- A Coronavirus Waiver would need to be signed prior to class starting.

Activity Station Set-Up

- At least 10 feet between each hitting area.
- Each hitting area set up with tee markers to hit from and a hoop for students to stand in when listening to instructions. Student will remain in these areas – no exceptions.
- No lines or sharing of equipment, balls, training aids, etc.
- Coach will always maintain proper social distance.
- Balls will be at each station when the class begins and used once. Coach will have a shag tube and place balls in a used ball container when they are picked up.
- Students would visit two of the four stations each class. The next week, they would visit the other two stations with 25 minutes at each station. An example might be: putting, chipping, pitching and full swing. Groups 1 and 2 would visit putting and full swing and groups 3 and 4 would visit chipping and pitching. The next week they would switch stations and activities.

Activity and Games Set-Up

- All activities would be no touch. Students will drag over a ball with their club and hit the ball to the target. Coach will pick up the balls with shag tube and place the balls in used ball container.
- Coaches will demonstrate and help without touching the student and maintain proper distance.

Check in/ Check Out Procedures

- Parent or guardian will be required to sign a Coronavirus Waiver before class begins. Waiver must be completed before your child can participate.
- Participants may not check in more than 15 minutes prior to class start time.
- Parents must wait with their child during check in process.
- A temperature check will be required for all participants prior to class.
- Parents will be required to acknowledge and initial that their child is not showing symptoms, fever, or sickness.
- Participants will be required to wear a mask during check in or indoors and bring water to drink.
- Participants will not be required to wear a mask during class.
- Students will be assigned a designated safety area to begin class – no putting on the putting green or using practice area.
- Parents are responsible for picking up their students no later than 10 minutes after class ends.
- Parents must wait in their car during class – no parents will be allowed on the practice facility.

Weather Policy

- A strict weather policy will be enforced for potential inclement weather.
- Decisions on class cancellations will be decided no later than one hour prior to start of class. Please check Facebook page for announcements.

- If weather becomes an issue during class, we will go inside to take shelter. Students will be required to use a mask and practice social distancing.

Additional Information

- Parent or guardian will be required to sign a Coronavirus Waiver before class begins. Waiver must be completed before your child can participate.
- FTEM would require that the general public would not co-mingle in any way with our participants. The putting green, practice area and golf holes would be closed for public use while we are conducting classes.
- FTEM will follow all guidelines set forth by the State, CDC, local health departments and Back2Golf playbook.
- Only one person at a time will be allowed in the restroom facilities.