



IOWA GOLF COUNCIL

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Just wanted to share some information with you all.

We want to make you aware of the recent (March 17th at roughly 10 a.m.) proclamation by Governor Kim Reynolds. This website outlines it in good detail.

<https://governor.iowa.gov/press-release/gov-reynolds-issues-a-state-of-public-health-disaster-emergency>

At this time, we understand that this proclamation does not specifically prohibit golf courses from operating, but there are a few things you should be aware of.

It is highly recommended that you post signage (or have handouts available) that outline the recommendations from the CDC on best practices for your golfers.

Your clubhouse, in particular if you have a bar and restaurant, is almost certainly impacted by the proclamation. We also understand this would include prohibiting any golf tournaments or outings of large groups. Use the following link for guidelines and helpful information around the clubhouse.
<https://www.iowapga.com/Best-Practice/COVID19/>

Golf Course Maintenance operations aren't excluded from needing precautions taken. Please make sure you read the proclamation in full. We are NOT the experts but are simply trying to share what we know at this time.

We would encourage you to take some golf-specific measures, such as recommending to leave the flagstick in the hole (or even remove all flagsticks), strongly encourage walking, limit players to one per cart, sanitize golf carts, sanitize employee break areas, limit the amount of workers in one area at a time, sanitize maintenance equipment etc.

Please understand that this situation is ever-changing and that we the Iowa GCSA are still gathering information ourselves. Therefore, you should make your own decisions regarding how you operate based on the recommendations and restrictions from the national, state and local experts.

