

What to expect when playing golf at Eastman Golf Links

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As we expand the reopening of Eastman Golf Links, we still need to take steps to protect the safety of the staff, our fellow golfers and ourselves from the spread of the virus. The first step of this process continues to be screening those coming to play golf to ensure we minimize the risk of someone coming and inadvertently spreading the virus.

Eastman Golf Links is now open to all golfers who adhere to the following guidelines.

Checking In:

The check-in procedure will begin near the gate that separates the main parking lot from the side lot. A staff member will ask all golfers the following questions:

1. Do you have a tee time?
2. Over the past 14 days, have you been taking steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, including staying at home as much as possible, not traveling by public transportation including air travel, and when out in public wearing a mask and maintaining social distance?

If the answer to these questions is “yes”, they’ll ask screening questions designed to prevent the inadvertent spread of COVID-19.

1. Have you been in contact with someone who is suspected or confirmed of having COVID-19?
2. Have you had a fever or felt feverish in the last 72 hours?
3. Are you experiencing any respiratory symptoms including a runny nose, sore throat, cough, or shortness of breath?
4. Are you experiencing any new muscle aches or chills?
5. Have you experienced any new change in your sense of taste or smell?

If you answer “yes” to any of these questions, to ensure the safety of everyone using our course, you will not be allowed to play golf.

Social Distancing

All players must practice social distancing, remain 6 feet apart at all times and practice appropriate personal hygiene. No high fives, fist bumps or elbow touching. (Six feet visual – Extend your arm with a club out straight.)

Masks

While you are **advised** to wear a mask at all times, you are **required** to wear a mask when you are near The Center (i.e., on the practice green, on the driving range except when hitting balls, when moving from your vehicle to the 1st tee, from the 9th green to the 10th tee, and from the 18th green to your car) since that is the area most frequented by the staff and other golfers. If you don’t have a mask, you can obtain one by sending an email to masks@eastmannh.org (masks are generally available within 24 hours).

Tee Times

Tee times can be reserved beginning at 11 a.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. the rest of the week. Please remain in your car until 15 minutes prior to your tee time unless you plan to use the driving range and/or putting green, in which case you may arrive 30 minutes prior to your tee time. Unless you have reservations at Forbes Tavern, please depart immediately after play.

Driving Range/Putting Green

The practice facilities are open. Social distancing must be maintained while using these facilities, including wearing a mask at all times while on the practice green and at the driving range when not hitting balls. The ball machine may be used by swiping an ECA ID card or obtaining a pin number from the pro shop. Payment for the driving range is required by those who are not EGL members or ECA Members with privileges provided by the Universal Amenity Program. Space is limited, so we ask people to limit their time using these facilities.

Course Amenities

- Please bring sanitizer with you to keep yourself and others safe.
- Please carry water bottles as drinking fountains are shut off.
- Outside restrooms are available, including the one under the deck at the back of the building.
- Golf carts are available. Two people may ride in the cart if: 1. they are from the same household, or 2. if they are from different households and it is recommended that they wear masks while in the cart together. Where possible, we ask you to walk. Pushcarts are available at no charge.
- Golf course setup has returned to normal.
- Scorecards and pencils are available in the box between the first and second holes. The EGL app is available to download and is a great way to keep your score.
- The pro shop is open. Only three customers are allowed inside at one time. Please enter through the door nearest the side parking lot and exit through the doors under the deck. [View the stage guidelines for retail establishments](#)

Events and Programs

Golf groups and member events have begun. Check www.eastmangolflinks.com for information.

Golf Instruction

Instructional programs for all ages are allowed. Visit www.eastmangolflinks.com for more information.

We recognize this is a different golf experience than we have had in the past, and we look forward to a time when the spread of the virus doesn't require these additional actions. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in protecting all those who are enjoying our great golf course.

Enjoy your round and stay safe!

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