

**ORDER OF COUNTY JUDGE OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS
FOR
GOLF COURSES
DURING
STAY HOME STAY SAFE ORDER**

WHEREAS, on **March 14, 2020**, Williamson County Judge Bill Gravel, Jr. issued a proclamation declaring a local state of disaster for Williamson County, Texas after making a determination based on statements and information provided to him by the Office of the Texas Governor, Williamson County Emergency Management personnel, the Williamson County and Cities Health District, health professionals and other emergency services agencies serving Williamson County, Texas, and other health agencies serving the State of Texas that extraordinary measures had to be taken in order to protect the health and safety of the Williamson County residents in relation to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on **March 18, 2020**, the Williamson County Commissioners Court, pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, extended Williamson County Judge Bill Gravel, Jr.'s proclamation declaring a local state of disaster for Williamson County, Texas until it is otherwise terminated by formal action of the Williamson County Commissioners Court; and

WHEREAS, on **March 24, 2020**, Williamson County Judge Bill Gravel, Jr. issued a Stay Home Stay Safe Order whereby people may leave their residences only for "Essential Activities" or for performing or accessing "Essential Governmental Functions", "Healthcare Operations", "Essential Businesses", and "Essential Critical Infrastructure"; and

WHEREAS, Essential Activities include, among other things, engaging in outdoor activity that does not involve close contact with other people; and

WHEREAS, to ensure compliance with the Social Distancing Requirements of the Stay Home Stay Safe Order as it relates to the outdoor activity of golf, it is now necessary to set out directives and requirements for Golf Courses operating in Williamson County, Texas; and

NOW, THEREFORE PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS DISASTER ACT OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Order are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Williamson County Judge and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. The intent of this Order is to provide directives under the Stay Home Stay Safe Order issued on March 24, 2020 as to the operation of Golf Courses in Williamson County, Texas and this Order **does not** affect, amend, or rescind the said Stay Home Stay Safe Order in any way.

SECTION 3. During the effective period of the Stay Home Stay Safe Order issued on March 24, 2020 (as may be modified), golf courses in Williamson County, Texas may remain open only if

golf course owners and golf course management companies adhere to the following protocols, directives and requirements:

1. Prohibit all non-employees of the golf course from entering all pro-shops, interior rooms, bars and dining areas.
2. Eliminate walk-up tee times and require golfers to pay in advance over the phone or on-line.
3. Follow and require compliance with all Social Distancing Requirements of the Stay Home Stay Safe Order, which include maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.
4. Place signage outside the pro-shop and clubhouse entries outlining the Social Distancing Requirements in place under the Stay Home Stay Safe Order and require that golfers and staff replace handshakes, high-fives, etc. with other touch-less forms of greeting and celebrations.
5. Remove group seating areas and do not promote seating.
6. Conduct no indoor events.
7. Conduct, allow or sponsor no tournaments, pool play, competition, trainings, practice instruction or other types of similar activities so the Social Distancing Requirements are adhered to the fullest extent possible and public health is not placed in jeopardy.
8. Place appropriate signage on carts, around the clubhouse and golf course with the phone number to call in food orders with an explanation that credit/debit/gift card transactions are required.
9. Eliminate sit-down food and beverage services and only provide “call-ahead,” “take-out,” “delivery,” and/or “to go” services and place appropriate markings in order to spread out any players awaiting “to go” orders in order to comply with the Social Distancing Requirements.
10. Disconnect and remove all drinking water stations from the course and advise players to purchase or bring their own beverages prior to tee off and consider providing sealed bottled water to players.
11. Require that only one person may ride in a golf cart at any time; provided, however, more than one rider may ride in a golf cart if all riders in such cart reside together in the same household.
12. Require players to obtain pre-positioned, sanitized carts (if not walking) from a designated area and proceed to the first tee without personal contact with golf course staff.
13. Increase tee time intervals to spread players out on the course.
14. Direct players to leave the pin in the cup at all times.
15. Raise the cup up an inch above the green’s surface so that players can count it as going into the cup when the ball hits the cup.
16. Encourage players to allow “gimmies.”
17. Spread out driving range stations to separate players.
18. Place balls on the range for players so they can be accessed using a club and ensure range balls are cleaned by staff thoroughly with soap after every pick-up prior to making available for players.

19. Short Game and Putting Practice Areas: Remove shag bags and devices that collect or push balls (such as PVC piping) from the area. Place alignment sticks, or stakes on the green as targets, and/or turn the cups upside down and leave in the hole. Remove all flags and institute a "bring your own practice balls policy."
20. Remove bulk scorecard, pencil and tee holders from starter areas.
21. Remove sand containers, coolers or anything from a golf cart that could be "shared." This includes scorecards, tees, pencils and towels - these items shall not be offered during this time.
22. Remove rakes from the course and temporarily require players to play such areas as non-hazards.
23. Remove ball washing stations or place out of usable areas.
24. Not provide any rental clubs.
25. Remove all non-essential devices from golf practice range or practice greens, such as bag stands or den caddies.
26. After completing play, require walkers to go directly to their cars to leave the golf course, require resident members/players to immediately leave the golf course and for players that ride in a cart that are not resident members/players, require that their carts be parked in designated areas and then go directly to their cars to leave the golf course.
27. Require golfers to personally dispose of any trash they may have in receptacles provided by the golf course and to not leave trash in golf carts.
28. Update the golf course's website to provide the requirements provided herein.
29. Increase the frequency of routine cleaning, sanitization and disinfection of all locations, especially all common and high traffic areas, and frequently touched surfaces and provide protective gloves to all staff performing such cleaning.
30. For golf courses that keep restrooms open for use, such restrooms must be cleaned, sanitized and disinfected every thirty (30) minutes while the golf course is open.
31. If portable restrooms are used by a golf course, they must include hand washing stations with foot-activated devices adjacent to the units.
32. Increase any hand sanitizer or hand cleaning stations on the golf course.
33. All golf course hand tools and equipment for golf course operations shall be frequently and adequately sanitized.
34. Sanitize golf carts prior to issuing to players.
35. Ensure approved antimicrobial products are used for all sanitation procedures.
36. Train all staff on hygiene, sanitation and food handling to learn about epidemic prevention and control.
37. Ensure staff can recognize the symptoms of COVID-19 and know how to act responsibly if they detect or exhibit symptoms.
38. Sun City Texas, Georgetown, Texas Golf Courses: Due to a demographic that is highly vulnerable to the COVID-19 and in accordance with a unanimous decision of the Sun City Community Association to close all Sun City Community Association indoor and outdoor amenities, including all Sun City Texas golf courses, until April 19, 2020, all Sun City Texas, Georgetown, Texas Golf Courses shall be closed during the effective period of the Stay Home Stay Safe Order issued by County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr. on March 24, 2020.

SECTION 4: This Order is issued pursuant to and in accordance with the local state of disaster issued by County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr. for Williamson County, Texas on March 14, 2020, which was thereafter extended on March 18, 2020 by the Williamson County Commissioners Court pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, and the Stay Home Stay Safe Order issued by County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr. for Williamson County, Texas on March 24, 2020.

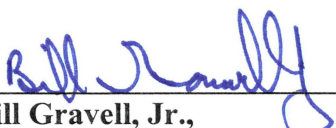
SECTION 5. Pursuant to Section 418.108(h) of the Texas Government Code, this Order shall control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in Williamson County, Texas and includes the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Williamson County, Texas; and to the extent of a conflict between this Order and any decisions of a Mayor of municipality in Williamson County, Texas, the orders set out herein of the Williamson County Judge shall prevail.

SECTION 6. AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 418.173 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE AND AS ADOPTED IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN, A FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN OR WITH ANY RULE, ORDER OR ORDINANCE ADOPTED UNDER SAID PLAN, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THIS ORDER, SHALL BE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE PUNISHABLE BY A FINE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED \$1,000.00 OR CONFINEMENT IN JAIL FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED 180 DAYS. THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WILLIAMSON COUNTY CONSTABLES, WILLIAMSON COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE, AND OTHER LICENSED PEACE OFFICERS ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ENFORCE THIS ORDER AND ORDERS REFERENCED HEREIN.

SECTION 7. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the reminder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

SECTION 8. This Order will be posted on Williamson County's website at www.wilco.org. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order shall post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy.

This Order is adopted at 4 : 50 P .m. on this the 27th day of March, 2020 to be effective immediately.



Bill Gravell, Jr.,
Williamson County Judge