

2022 First Tee – Greater Charleston COVID-19 Guidelines & Requirements

Please note that the Program Director reserves the right to change these requirements and require masks if local school, city, or county mandates change or infection rates rise in our area.

Culture/Etiquette

- Wearing facial coverings is optional. Over the last two years, our coaches have learned to adequately space out their classes (which they will continue to do) to keep participants as safe as possible.
 - While golf is an outdoor sport, there will be times that classes need to go inside for inclement weather and restroom breaks. We suggest each child brings a mask for those instances. Some golf courses may require masks indoors, and participants will not be allowed inside without them, so we HIGHLY suggest each participant has one in their golf bag or pocket.
 - Coaches will not have masks to distribute, and participants must bring them own, if they wish.
- Handshakes, high-fives, fist bumps, elbow bumps, and other physical contact will 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 are not available at all locations. 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

- Some locations will have a car line drop off, while others have a meeting place where parents get out of their car and walk their child to the meeting place.
 - One coach will be at the meeting location 5 minutes before class begins to check in participants one-by-one.
 - Parents may not leave the car line or drop off location until a coach is present. Do not leave your children at the meeting point if coaches are not yet there.
 - Car line/drop off locations:
 - **Patriots Point Links:** meet by the First Tee putting green – families must walk over to sign children in and out
 - **Wescott Golf Club:** car line at the bag drop loop
 - **Charleston Municipal:** meet by the putting green benches – families must walk over to sign children in and out
 - **Shadowmoss Golf Club:** meet by the large tree at the putting green – families must walk over to sign children in and out
 - **The Club at Pine Forest:** car line outside the pro shop
 - **Dunes West:** meet next to the swimming pool, in the green space on Hartford Village Way – families must walk over to sign children in and out

- Parents are not required to stay for the lessons, but if you choose to, please respect the lesson's learning environment and only observe from a distance while not distracting or becoming involved with any participant (even your own child) during class time.
 - Parents/families are not permitted to go to the back of the range (First Tee instructional area) at Patriots Point or follow groups onto any of the golf courses during class.
- We will not 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 will 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 2, 6, or 8-seater golf carts. We suggest facial coverings during transportation times.
- 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.
- 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.

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 must return to the car line location to pick up their child. Participants will not be permitted to walk across the parking lot to where their parent is parked.

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](#). 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 10 days.