



2021 Winter Session Protocols

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Preface

For the sake of this document:

All First Tee representatives on-site and involved in programming are referred to as “coaches,” whether they are full-time staff, part-time staff, adult volunteers, interns, or junior coaches.

All players engaged in the learning environment are referred to as “players.”

All procedures are based on the most recent guidelines provided by the local government, Berrien County Health Department, the CDC and in this case for the state of Michigan. Guidance is subject to change over time, and based on the applicable jurisdiction(s).

Virus Prevention Procedures

Proper Hygiene:

- Wash hands thoroughly (for a minimum of 20 seconds) and frequently (Coaches - at least once before and after every class).
- Hand sanitizer and facial tissue are available in higher traffic areas.
- Disinfect equipment and learning areas (see below).

Face Masks:

- All coaches are required to wear face masks
- Players are required to wear face masks upon arrival for the check-in process. Once players are checked in and socially distanced, players are encouraged to wear their mask, but not required.
- We ask that all participants come with facemasks. We have a limited number of replacement masks available.

6ft Distance and No touching:

- Players and coaches are to remain 6ft away
- No contact will be allowed between players, coaches, and equipment to limit contact tracing
- Coaches and players are to use their words and demonstrate coaching activities
- This is a great opportunity to showcase sportsmanship through words and gestures: saying “Good Job,” giving “air high 5s”
- Only exceptions for emergency situations will be allowed.

Health screening for coaches & players:

- Each day of camp, coaches will provide the health screening below to all players and coaches.

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- If the coach or player fails the health screening they will not be able to participate in the camp.

Ask if:

- Medication was used to lower temperature
- Player has been exposed to anyone with coronavirus
- Player is awaiting test results in the last 14 days
- Upon arrival staff will scan participants' forehead with a no touch thermometer. If temperature is under 100.4 it is considered passing.

Pass:

- No to all questions above
- Upon arrival staff will scan participants' forehead with a no touch thermometer. If temperature is under 100.4 it is considered passing.

Fail:

- Yes to any of the questions above
- Temperature 100.4 or higher
- If they fail, the player or coach will be required to leave immediately.

Equipment:

Clubs:

- All players are required to bring their own clubs.
- If a player does not have their own clubs, a 3-club set will be provided for them to keep.
- This set will consist of 1 putter, 1 iron and 1 driver.

Golf Balls:

- In the short game area, each player will be given a set of golf balls, labeled for identification, for the duration of the class session.
- These golf balls will be used on the putting and chipping greens for that particular player only.
- There will be no exchanging or swapping of the golf balls. Players will keep their golf balls on their person and will be the only ones able to handle them during class.
- At the end of class, players will return the golf balls to a bucket filled with sanitizing solution.

First Tee Equipment:

- Coaches will sanitize all equipment, including cones, alignment rods, hula hoops, noodles, etc. used for the day.
- At the end of each day, all sanitized equipment will be stored and labeled as Clean and Do Not Touch.

Bag Zone:

- Each player will have a designated cone where they will keep their belongings.
- This includes their bag, clubs, and personal water bottle.
- There will be no sharing of any personal belongings.

Number of Participants

Players:

- Depending on State of Michigan and Federal guidelines, at most there will be 12 players participating in a single class.

Coaches:

- Depending on State of Michigan and Federal guidelines, at most there will be 3 coaches participating in a single class.

Ratio:

- There will never be no more than 6 people in a single class.

Parents:

- Parents must remain outside of the learning environment, and encouraged to not loiter during the camp.
- The goal is to limit the number of total participants at and around the camp.

Drop-Off/Pick-up

Drop-off:

- Parents will pull-up to the parking lot drop-off, where a coach will be present. Please wait in the car until the coach is ready to receive the player.
- When the coach is ready to receive the player, the coach will provide the health screening for the player to participate in the class.
- After the passed screening, players will be provided a designated area where they will place their bag, water, snacks, etc.

Pick-up:

- At time of pick-up, a coach will be present, dismissing players as parents are in line for pick-up.
- There will be a pick-up area, with cones socially distanced. Players will be dismissed depending on the order of parents in line for pick-up.
- Again, we ask that parents stay in their cars awaiting their child for dismissal.

First Tee Programming

Simulator Station:

- At most there will be 2 players maximum per station, with the goal of each player hitting one at a time.
- Coaches will go over proper transition between hitting station and safety zone station.

Putting:

- Players will use golf balls provided for putting.
- Each player will have their own lane for putting, hitting putts to a faux hole.
- There will be no actual flag sticks or cups to contact.

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- For any partner activities, each player will keep in their own lane, and work with the player next to them, also in their own lane.
- No lane crossing will be allowed.
- If a player accidentally hits their ball into another lane, the coach will retrieve the ball for the player.

Transitioning:

- Coaches will direct players in safe 6ft+ distance lines and walk with players to each station.
- The coaches will stay with that group of players for the day.

FAQ's

When should someone stay home?

- If someone in your household has had any cold/flu symptoms in the past 72 hours.
- People who are at a higher risk, including those: age 60+, with weakened immune systems, who are pregnant, and those with underlying health conditions including cancer, heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes.

Can parents still stay to watch class?

- Parents will no longer be able to stay and watch class together

Bathroom Policy:

- Bathrooms will be for emergency use only.

What if a coach or player does not pass the screening?

- Those who do not pass the screening are not permitted to participate, and must return home immediately.

What if a coach does not comply with the guidelines?

- Revisit the expectations and guidelines, and if the coach still does not comply, ask them to go home and/or call the Executive Director to report the incident.

What if a player does not comply with the guidelines?

- Revisit the expectations and guidelines, and if the player still does not comply, make immediate contact with a parent or guardian by phone. Report the incident to the Executive Director.

How do we provide first aid or medical care while maintaining proper distancing?

- In the event that medical care is required, that is the first priority. While the coach should not hesitate to follow First Aid & CPR procedures, including Check, Call & Care, they should always have on their face mask and disposable gloves.

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What if there's an emergency, and evacuation procedures require us to gather in a smaller space or a larger group?

- In the event of emergency, where evacuation is necessary, the immediate physical safety of individuals and the group is first priority. Coaches should ensure that is taken care of, and then try to ensure COVID-19 prevention procedures are followed as possible.

Will the clubs provided need to be returned at the end of the camp?

- No, the clubs provided will be given to the player for them to keep.

Will there be ice buckets, or drinking water for players and coaches?

- Unfortunately not. In order to keep personal items separate and to keep contact low, players and coaches will keep their items at their designated cone. Please plan ahead to keep water and other items cold.

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Resources (COVID-19)

CDC Guidelines

OSHA Guidelines

Michigan Governor Guidelines

Berrien County Health Department

Michigan Department of Health and Safety

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