

**Dear Tasmanian Golf Clubs and Facilities,**

As you are aware, COVID-19 or the Coronavirus as it is more commonly known has created global health concerns regarding the disease and its infection rates.

Golf Australia is writing to provide further assistance and guidance to our clubs and facilities on this important topic.

It is Golf Australia's recommendation that, based on the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday evening, March 29 that limits outdoor gatherings to two persons or fewer, all golf clubs and facilities should close until further notice.

We have received advice from the Tasmanian government today, April 1 as follows:

*The Tasmanian government notes Golf Australia's position and that a number of courses have chosen to close based on this advice. They also note that some have chosen to stay open to allow for social golf to be played. The government is happy for social golf to continue as long as social distancing restrictions are adhered to. This means no competition golf, 2 people per hole, and no more than 36 people on an 18-hole golf course at any one time, and 18 on a 9-hole golf course.*

*The government recognises that if golf courses choose to close, they have the autonomy to do so. They also remind the community that as per the PM's instructions on Sunday night, people over the age of 70 are advised to self-isolate.*

While this is a difficult time for the golf industry and wider society, Golf Australia is committed to working with clubs and facilities across the state to ensure that we return a vibrant, strong industry.

**Industrial Relations advice:**

For specific Industrial Relations advice please contact the Tasmanian Hospitality Association. If your Golf Club or Facility is not a member and requires advice, please contact Golf Australia Club Support on [clubsupport@golf.org.au](mailto:clubsupport@golf.org.au).

For further information from the Federal Government on COVID-19, the Coronavirus Health Information Line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 1800 020 080.

**Golf Australia – staff update:**

If you require additional information or have questions please do not hesitate to contact Golf Australia on (03) 9626 5000 or [clubsupport@golf.org.au](mailto:clubsupport@golf.org.au).

Kind regards,

**Golf Australia**