

## ***Bonnyville Golf and Country Club***

Welcome to the 2020 golf season! Driven by all our difficult changes in habit that reduced the pace of the virus spread, and the hard work of golf industry associations, our sport is the first in Alberta allowed to reopen. Our first priority remains the health and safety of our team members, golfers, guests and our communities through these challenging times.

It is well advertised and documented that the absolute best practice to contain the spread of COVID-19 is to stay home and limit visits to only essential public places. As the Board and management of the Bonnyville Golf and Country Club prepared for this season, we have carefully watched the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have closely monitored the recommendations of Health Canada, successful golf operations in provinces opened to play before ours, recent advice from NAGA-AB and the direction/mandates of Alberta Health authorities. Though the nature of our sport is amidst wide open spaces, things are not yet back to normal. Only with rigid protocols in place, a new normal, can golf continue to be played while keeping both players and employees safe from the transmission of the COVID-19 virus. It must also be acknowledged that golf does offer health benefits that cannot be understated. World Golf Foundation studies have shown that playing golf will result in improvements in life expectancy and quality of life, as well as mental and physical health (unless you purposely cough in somebody's backswing).

To retain authority approval to continue playing, we all must be committed to a number of new precautionary measures put in place to ensure that everyone will remain safe. New habits only slowly replace old ones, but it will happen. Our success depends on the full cooperation of golfers and our team members from the time we arrive at the facility until the time we leave.

We have implemented a number of safety measures including:

- monitoring team member at-work health
- practicing physical distancing
- reducing the number of touch points & rigorous cleaning of remaining touch points
- training our team members on enhanced cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing procedures
- and requiring the cooperation of golfers through adherence to our policies and procedures.

A full list of the internal measures we have implemented can be found on our website [bonnyvillegolfclub.com](http://bonnyvillegolfclub.com) and these measures are also posted in the clubhouse main entrance. Note that ALL PLAYERS MUST have a tee time pre-authorized over the phone by the proshop(780-826-4886) before entering the parking lot GO ZONE. While we do hope that our environment will return to normal in the not too distant future, for now this mode of operation will become the new normal. We acknowledge that every golfer will make their own decision as to whether it is in their best interest to golf during these times or not. However should you choose to join us, we will welcome you and require your full cooperation with regards to the measures that have been implemented for everyone's safety.

Stay safe,

Maurice Mercier - President