



GolfAustralia

COVID-19 Restriction FAQ'S as of 22 October 2021 REGIONAL VICTORIA

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Note, these FAQ's will be updated regularly, in particular; following government announcements, upon the release of new directives or when further information or clarification on a matter is received. Golf Australia recommends that clubs and facilities check this document regularly.

There are references in these FAQ's to the following documents & resources:

[The Government Roadmap – Regional](#)
[Open Premises Directions](#)
[Stay Safe Directions \(Regional Victoria\)](#)
[Creating a COVIDSafe Plan](#)
[Authorised Worker List](#)

Q. When has the latest change in restrictions taken place?

A. These FAQ's are based on changes that occurred at 11.59pm Thursday 21 October 2021

Q Is competition golf permitted?

A Yes

Q Is there a cap on the number of golfers permitted on the course?

A No

Q Can golf be played in 4's?

A Currently, play can be in groups of 4.

Q Are carts allowed to be shared?

A Yes, however they must be cleaned after every use.

Q Are flags allowed to be removed & rakes permitted in bunkers?

A Yes, however the club/facility [COVIDSafe](#) should list these as 'frequently touched surfaces' and the plan must provide for regular cleaning.

Q Are hire clubs & pull trolleys permitted?

A Yes, however the club [COVIDSafe](#) plan must provide for regular cleaning.

Q Are spectators permitted?

A Limited spectators are permitted withing the general gathering limits.

Q Are driving ranges & practice facilities allowed to operate?

A Yes, outdoor coaching is permitted for up to 20 people including the coach in a group. Indoor coaching is permitted up to a maximum of 10 people or 1 person per 4 square metres, whichever is the lower.

Q Are face coverings (Masks) required when playing golf?

A Yes, required to be worn both indoors and outdoors and this includes whilst playing golf (unless a medical exemption applies).

Q Is there a restriction on intrastate travel throughout Victoria?

A Not within regional Victoria, however regional Victoria residents are not permitted however to travel into Metropolitan Melbourne, or vice versa, for the purpose of playing golf.

Q Who is required to check in?

A Everyone that attends the club is required to check in using the QR service, this includes all members, visitors, contractors and staff. In cases where staff, members or visitors don't have the technology to use the QR check in service clubs and facilities should use tablets or mobile phones to assist.

Q Are clubhouses permitted to open?

A Yes, with the following conditions

If all people in the area, including workers, are fully vaccinated or are excepted persons you may

- Provide seated service only
- 1 person per 4 square metres, to a maximum of 100 people outdoors and 30 people indoors (total of 130)

Otherwise if any of the people in the area are not fully vaccinated or are not excepted persons, you may

- Seated service only
 - 1 person per 4 square metres, to a maximum of 30 people outdoors and 10 people indoors (total of 40)
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Q Are Golf Shops permitted to open?

A Yes, with the following conditions

- 1 patrons per 4 square metres or 10 patrons whichever is the lower
 - Masks are mandatory at all times
 - All staff and patrons must check in using the QR code service
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Q Do our staff have to be vaccinated?

A The Victorian Government has advised that all authorised workers will be required to have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine in order to continue working onsite by October 15. They will then be required to have their second dose of COVID-19 vaccine by November 26.

All staff at golf clubs and facilities are authorised workers if they are leaving home to go to work.

In addition to this all workers who are working in an environment where patrons must be fully vaccinated or be an excepted person, so must the workers also be fully vaccinated or be an excepted person.

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