



April 7, 2020

On behalf of First Tee of Greater Pasadena (FTGP), we hope you are all safe at home and healthy. Safety is our first concern at FTGP, including our participants & their families, coaches, and volunteers. We would like to thank all the first responders, hospital workers and anyone who works in an essential business that are working long hours these days.

With all the public and private school closing for the remainder of the school year, we realize that distant learning can be challenging for many families. Not being able to participate in golf, soccer and other sports or outdoor activities has been an adjustment for all of us.

Currently, all the golf courses **are closed until further notice**. Our spring session was scheduled to start Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, we (FTGP) will be canceling our 2020 spring session. If you registered for a spring session class, we will be contacting you within the next couple of weeks with options. Although, we are canceling our spring session, we are anticipating in offering summer camps and a summer session. Our programming staff is adjusting our current summer camps schedule and we are hoping to announce these camps in the near future. As for our summer session, we are expecting as of now to start the week of July 6<sup>th</sup>. When we receive more information from the golf courses on their expected opening dates, we will then announce online summer session and summer camp registration.

We look forward to getting back to our high-quality, engaging and fun programs.

**Here are steps of prevention that our coaching staff will be implementing:**

- Coaches and volunteers will use "air high-five" when doing meeting & greeting or congratulating a participant.
- FTGP has purchased disinfecting wipes that participants and staff can use for equipment.
- Students will not be allowed to borrow clubs from each other. We FTGP have equipment for participants to borrow.
- Coaching staff will wipe down grips before and after class.
- We encourage participants wash their hands before and after class and refrain from touching their face and mouth.

For the months of April and May, programming staff is doing daily videos on our social media sites. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for Healthy Habits, Strength and Conditioning, Life Skills and Golf Tips that our coaches are providing.

Thank you for doing your part. We are all in this together, and we are all safer at home.

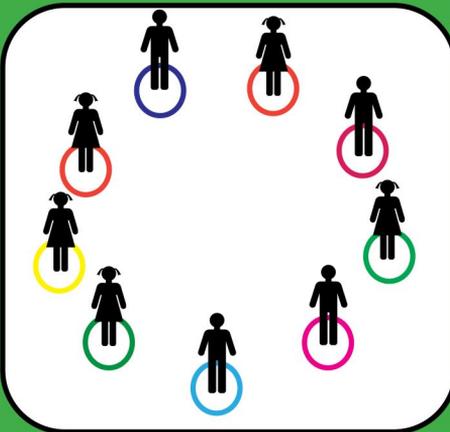
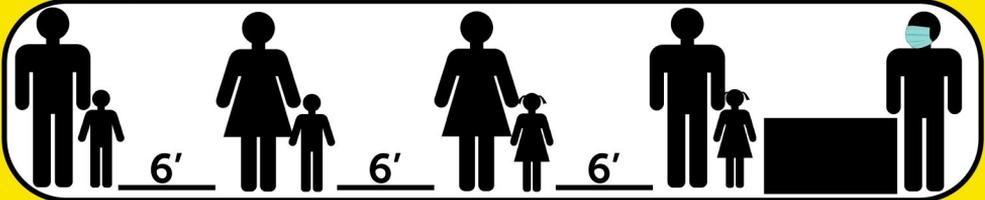
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From the walk-up to the wrap-up...

# How the First Tee of Greater Pasadena will increase your child's safety during the Covid-19 Pandemic



When checking in, stand 6 feet between the family in front and behind you. In accordance with local government mandate, all coaches and participants must wear face masks for the entirety of class.

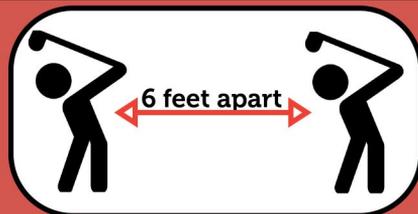


After checking-in, students will be designated a hula hoop in the group circle to remain in until class begins.

Each hula hoop will be at least 6 feet away from the next.

Their hula hoop will also be where their clubs and other materials will go for the entirety of class.

Each activity has been revised to ensure that each student is at least 6 feet apart from one another.



For detailed information about safety measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit our website: [www.firstteegreaterpasadena.org](http://www.firstteegreaterpasadena.org)



## NEW SAFETY MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

As the First Tee of Greater Pasadena prepares to resume programming in summer, the safety of our participants, their families, coaches, and volunteers is paramount.

From the check-in to the wrap-up, each facet of our programming experience has been analyzed to increase safety and has been adapted to promote the prevention of spreading any illnesses.

Safety begins with being responsible and accountable for one's actions during a First Tee programming activity. In accordance with our Student Behavior Contract, dismissive behavior of safety measures may result in dismissal from our program.

### **HERE IS WHAT HAS CHANGED:**

- » Participants are required to remain at least 6 feet from one another and must refrain from any physical contact with fellow participants, coaches, or volunteers.
- » In accordance with local government mandate, participants and coaches must wear face masks for the entirety of class.
- » New check-in process. (MORE BELOW IN CHECK-IN PROCEDURE)
- » Participant to coach ratio for Target and Player level classes will reduce to 5:1
- » Warm-up and wrap-up will take place in a large circle consisting of hula hoops. (MORE BELOW IN WARM-UP PROCEDURE)
- » We will disinfect any clubs that need to be borrowed by using disinfectant wipes on the handle, shaft, and club head.
- » Activities have undergone revision and have been adapted to adhere to physical distancing protocol yet will uphold quality of instruction. (MORE BELOW IN ACTIVITY PROCEDURE)
- » Each participant will be given a half-dozen golf balls for use by only them during activities in Ziplock bags. They must mark them in a distinctive manner (be able to be identified without touching) and bring them to class every week. Coaches will inform participants when to bring their golf balls to a specific activity.
- » Participants will not handle driving range balls, even though each facility will be responsible for cleaning their balls with the appropriate cleaning solutions. They will be shown how to use their club to move a ball prior to hitting it. When using drivers, coaches will tee up a ball for each participant.

### **CHECK-IN PROCEDURE:**

- » Each program location will be fit with a check-in area where a coach will be standing behind a table for the arrival of each participant.
- » We ask that families wait in line with an appropriate physical distance of 6 feet apart.
- » Participants must remain in line with parents until checked-in.
- » Parents are more than welcome to remain on site for the duration of the class with the exception of going on the golf course in accordance with golf course policy.
- » If parents do wish to remain on site, it will be their responsibility to adhere to physical distancing standards. Parents must also remain at least 30 yards from any programming activity to ensure the safety of all parties involved.

## AFTER CHECK-IN PROCEDURE:

- » After the participant is checked in for the class, they will be assigned a warm-up group circle.
- » The participant will then be assigned a hula hoop where there will be no more than 9 per group. Participants will remain in their hula hoop until the class begins. (SEE ILLUSTRATION 1 BELOW)
- » Their hula hoop will also be where their clubs, class materials (yardage book, scorecards, etc.), and water bottles remain throughout the class.
- » If they need to borrow golf clubs, a coach will provide clubs which will be disinfected on site.
- » AT NO POINT DURING A CLASS WILL A PARTICIPANT SHARE CLUBS WITH ANOTHER PARTICIPANT.
- » Warm-up activities will take place in a large circle but continue to promote strength, flexibility, balance, object control and agility exercises.

## ACTIVITIES:

- » Activity setups are designed to include at least 6 feet between hitting stations (driving range, putting, chipping).
- » One participant will be in a hitting station, while another participant will be waiting at least 6 feet behind.
- » No more than three students at a time will be collecting their personal golf balls after their turn (chipping, putting).
- » After picking up their balls, players will be asked to use the “exit lane” to return to their hitting station to wait for their turn again. (SEE ILLUSTRATION 2 BELOW)
- » When transitioning from one activity to the next, participants will move in either a single file line with participants six feet apart in front and behind or in two lines with participants six feet apart in front and behind and to the side.

## WRAP-UP:

- » The conclusion of each class will be at the group circle in their respective hula hoop. Each participant will be asked to take out their yardage book, pencil and follow along with the coach’s lesson.
- » Parent(s) must check-out participant before they are dismissed.
- » Participants must remain in their hula hoop until parent arrival and check-out.
- » Participants will not be allowed to walk to parking lot to meet parent(s).

ILLUSTRATION 2 - SAMPLE ACTIVITY SETUP AND EXIT LANE

ILLUSTRATION 1 - WARM-UP/WRAP-UP GROUP CIRCLE

