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To: County of Mendocino Board of Supervisors
Subject: Opening of Mendocino County Golf Courses

Thank you for considering opening golf courses in Mendocino County. I believe golf courses can be reopened with certain mitigation measures in place. Attached is the mitigation measures Tayman Park Corporation has proposed to open the Ukiah golf course. In addition, I have also attached recommendations for use in a revised health order that were adapted from Napa County's current order related directly to golf operations. I've included a redline version so you can see the minor modifications that are applicable to Mendocino County as compared to Napa.

Certainly the health of our community is first, and social distancing is important in combating this virus. Reintroducing healthy activities back into the community is also important. Golf is a recreational and healthy activity that can be safely brought back. Many golf courses are operating safely with mitigation measures in place.

Thank you for considering this request, and thank you for keeping our community safe.

Respectfully,
Jim O Brown

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The City of Ukiah's COVID-19 Mitigation Plan for Operation of the Ukiah Valley Golf Course

Below is an implementation plan for how the Ukiah Valley Golf Course will implement COVID-19 mitigation and social distancing measures to possibly re-open this recreation activity:

- All COVID-19 corresponding mitigation directives ordered by the County's Public Health Officer will be implemented.
- Rules of operation will be posted at entrance to the course.

Operation Specific Protocols:

- Pro shop check-in for golf will be in a designated space limited to one guest at a time with social distancing maintained at all times.
- All employees at point of sales stations will wear gloves and masks.
- Hand sanitizer available for staff and customers.
- No congregating in the clubhouse or on outside patio.
- Keep social distancing-six feet apart or more at all times. Signage or markings indicating six feet appropriate distancing when waiting.
- Doors will be propped open to avoid touch points whenever feasible. Limit tee reservations to four or less to ensure social distancing requirements can be met at all times.
- Only one rider per cart (including private carts) unless from the same family sheltering in the same residence. Carts to be cleaned and sanitized after-each use.
- Food & Beverage service will be only "To Go" service with a limited menu and operated in compliance with the current health order related to food service/restaurants.
- Flag sticks must be removed.
- Cups are raised, inverted or otherwise altered so that the ball can easily be picked up without touching the cup.
- Ball washers to be covered, and bunker rakes removed from the golf course.
- No sharing of golf equipment or rental clubs.
- Public washrooms and all surfaces in clubhouse to be cleaned/sanitized frequently with focus on door handles, faucet handles, toilet & urinal handles, and other touch points.
- Public drinking fountains to be covered and closed.
- Sign at entrance of facility that will read; "Failure to follow social distancing and COVID safety measure will result in suspension of play and future use of the course."

Information on other Golf Course Openings:

Napa County, Lake County, and Sacramento County all allow golf courses to operate with similar restrictions as mentioned in our draft plan.

The following is Appendix C of the County of Napa's Health Order (#20-03) as revised on April 22, 2020. The redline changes are adapted recommendations for consideration by Mendocino County.

Golf Site Requirements Use of golf courses and driving ranges authorized by Section ~~13(a)(iii)(4)~~ <<insert section>> of this Order shall comply with the following requirements:

1. Practice social distancing by maintaining a minimum 6-foot distance from others.
2. Limit tee reservations to four or less to ensure social distancing requirements can be met at all times. Maximum of two players per group.
3. No shared equipment.
4. Walking or single rider only on ~~privately owned~~ carts (unless family members currently sheltering in the same residence).
5. Carts to be cleaned and sanitized with soap, bleach or disinfectant after after-each use. ~~No rented drive or push/pull carts.~~
6. Mendocino~~Napa~~ County residents only.
7. No tournament style events.
8. No private lessons, group instruction or clinics.
9. No private club cleaning by personnel.
10. Check in for round must require no physical interaction with golf site staff, who must stay six feet or more from golfers.
11. Remove hand towels, ice chests with water, seed/sand bottles, on-course bunker rakes, ~~ball washers~~, community tees, and scorecards and pencils, ~~and all on-course water stations.~~
12. Public drinking fountains and ball washers are to be covered and closed.
132. Cups must be raised, inverted or otherwise altered so that the ball can easily be picked up without touching the cup. Lift cups 1" above putting surface to ensure that there is no retrieval of ball from cup.
143. Flag sticks must be removed.
154. Driving Range Restrictions: a. Hitting stations will be a minimum of six feet apart. b. Balls will be thoroughly cleaned with soap, bleach or disinfectant after each pick of the range and before they are placed back on the range. c. All range staff attendants must wear gloves and are strongly urged to must wear-cloth face coverings in compliance with current health orders. d. Golf clubs, range buckets, and any other shared equipment must be disinfected after each golfer use.
165. Post, in areas visible to all workers, required hygienic practices including not touching face with unwashed hands or with gloves; washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use of hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces such as workstations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, machines, shared tools, and doorknobs; covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing as well as other hygienic recommendations by the CDC.
176. Golf courses and driving ranges shall designate a site-specific COVID-19 supervisor to enforce this guidance. The designated COVID-19 supervisor shall be present on site at all times during golfing activities. The COVID19 supervisor can be an on-site worker who is designated to carry this role.