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MONROE COUNTY GOLF COURSES TO OPEN FRIDAY WITH NEW SOCIAL DISTANCING RESTRICTIONS

ROCHESTER, NY -- Monroe County Executive Adam Bello and Department of Parks Director Patrick Meredith on Thursday announced that the county's golf courses at Durand Eastman, Genesee Valley and Churchville parks will open Friday in accordance with an Executive Order signed this week by Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

"Fresh air and exercise are important while we are all staying safe at home and limiting our non-essential trips," said Bello. "There will be some operational changes at the courses to help ensure that people who choose to play golf remain safe. And I ask that anyone who does choose to enjoy one of our beautiful golf courses continue to remain at least six feet away from other players and follow the state mandate to wear a face covering or mask any time they are not able to practice safe social distancing."

The courses will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily.

New restrictions will be in place when the courses resume operation, including:

- There will be no access to any club facilities including club houses, restrooms, pro shops, locker rooms, or phones. Services including lessons, driving ranges, rental clubs, merchandise sales and food and beverage will not be available.
- Portable toilets will be available.
- Golf carts and pull carts will not be available for rental. Players may bring their own pull cart or carry their own bag.
- All golfers must maintain proper social distancing at all times. Additionally, they may not share equipment. Security staff will monitor play to ensure compliance.
- All players must pre-pay online for their tee times. Players who have not pre-paid will be instructed by on-site staff on how to book through the website. Pass holders may book online tee times, but it is not required. Permit holders must book online and pay. To book your tee time online visit: www.monroecountyparksgolf.com
- 7-day, 5-day and junior passes will be sold online.
- Senior, junior & military permits will be sold online.



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- Tee time intervals will change from 8 minutes to 10 minutes to help with social distancing.
- Scorecards and pencils will not be provided.
- Greens fees will be reduced to \$9/9 holes and \$13/18 holes for all courses.
- Golfers may not touch the flag sticks and cups will be placed upside down to prevent the ball from going completely in the hole.
- There will be no tee marker blocks or practice putting green pins.
- Players will be encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer and use it often.
- Intentional failure to abide by the rules will result in removal from the grounds without a refund.

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