



To all Royston Golf Club members, guests and visitors,

The Club will remain open (unless we are directed to do otherwise by official advice) for the playing of golf and the clubhouse will be open for drinks and informal lunchtime food. However, we must all look after each other, so we must all do our best to comply with government advice on hygiene and social issues. We expect people to make their own decisions on entering the clubhouse. It has been regretfully decided that all social functions and arranged dinners will not take place for the foreseeable future (therefore, such events as the forthcoming Mothers' Day Lunch will not take place).

In light of the latest advice on the Covid-19 pandemic, it is incumbent upon us all to do our best to adhere to good principles to reduce the risk of infection. The main culprits in spreading the virus are the hands as they come in contact with something or someone that is contagious and in turn with one's face. So, remember to clean them with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and as frequently as possible. Keep safe and do keep on enjoying your golf. The following are some guiding principles that are worth adopting whilst out on the course and in the clubhouse:

- **SHAKING OF HANDS** Dispense from this etiquette both before and after the game. One can acknowledge each other without this formality. The Captain will adopt bowing as a term of thanks, others may do what they wish, elbow bumps, toe bumps and curtseys?
- **FLAGSTICK** Leave the flagstick in during putting. This will limit the number of occasions that hands touch the flagstick.
- **BALL WASHERS** Do not use the ball washers to clean. Wet a towel before you go out and use this instead.
- **STAIR RAILS** If you use the stair rails to help you, wash your hands afterwards.
- **BUTTONS AND ENTRY PADS** Do not use your fingertips to press buttons. Instead use your knuckles. Open doors by using your elbow where possible.
- **SOCIALISING** Limit the size of the group and the time spent together in a closed environment and remember not to shake hands before departing.

As far as the clubhouse is concerned, the staff have been briefed to keep surfaces as clean as possible, so they will keep areas free of items, and wipe down regularly. It has been agreed that we will continue to provide some lunchtime kitchen cover so that members and guest can buy the normal menu snacks. The kitchen hours of cover will be:

Sunday to Fridays:	1200 to 1400hrs.
Saturdays:	1100 to 1600hrs.

The situation and official guidance will be monitored, and any changes affecting the golf club will be promulgated to keep you informed as much as we can. Meanwhile, please take heed of government advice and if you, or someone close to you, have any signs of flu symptoms please stay away for 14 days and seek medical advice.

Alan Greenbank, Club Captain