

Cordova Bay - Group Lesson

Based on guidelines posted by the Provincial Government, and the PGA of BC/America, Cordova Bay is well equipped to create a safe, group learning environment. Our plan will be focused on both keeping staff and students safe, through procedures and emailed communication before any group lesson.

All Group Lessons

- Class size limited to 4 students
- Ridge Course only
- Minimum 2m space between students. Instructors to set up practice boundaries to create safe distancing.
- Students to bring their own water/snacks

Junior Camp Specific

- Classes maximum 3 hours
- Minimum age of 8 years old, no exceptions
- No snack provided by Cordova Bay
- Gate attendant will be given a list of parents/students to allow in/out.
- Daily screening log for each student (to be completed daily with parent at drop off)
 - Chest pain/Trouble breathing
 - Experiencing any of the following: Fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, stuffy or runny nose, loss of sense of smell, headache, muscle aches, fatigue or loss of appetite.
 - Have you travelled to any countries outside Canada (including the United States) within the last 14 days?
 - Did you have **close contact** with a person with confirmed COVID-19?

Reference Material

BC's Restart Plan - Go Forward Strategy Checklist

Specific Additional Measures for Child Care and Education Settings/Camps for the "New Normal"

Recreation/Sports/Camps

- Routine daily symptom screening for all staff and participants.
- Support low contact sports (especially outdoor). Identify high contact sports that should not take place during the pandemic.
- Clear policy for participants and staff who have the symptoms of a cold, flu, or COVID-19 symptoms, with any coughing or sneezing not participating.
- Staff and students at higher risk of experiencing severe illness should not take part in recreational, sporting, or camp activities.

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/gdx/go_forward_strategy_checklist_web.pdf

Coaching Best Practices - PGA of America

Below is a list of best practices for you to consider implementing while coaching in the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus) environment:

- Don't touch clubs or the person, and don't tee up the golf balls.
- Don't touch their carts or bags.
- Have anti-bacterial wipes with you at all times.
- Don't touch your face and wash your hands between each lesson.
- Don't allow the people you are teaching to eat during the lesson (they are touching their hands to their mouth when doing so).
- Ask people to bring their own water. Even if you have removed water stations and have bottled water available, students could be leaving used water bottles behind for you to discard.
- If using rental clubs for a lesson, wipe down all grips and clubs with anti-bacterial wipes prior to and after use.
- Over-communicate before your lesson. Make sure your students are aware of the practices and procedures you and your facility have in place to ensure their health and well-being. Make sure they are aware of what is expected of them once on property – the health precautions and standards they will be required to follow.

<https://www.pga.org/coronavirus-resources/Best-Practices-for-Golf/teaching-and-coaching-best-practices>

PGA of BC - Donald Miyazaki, Executive Director

When asked about how to proceed with group lessons:

With respect to your inquiry, I think it's important to keep in mind that with all personal services that were ordered to shut down during this pandemic, golf instruction was not one of them. With that being said, a large number of facilities (to my understanding) had ceased their lesson programs for the time being in order to be socially responsible. The changes to our provincial regulations may optically allow for golf instruction to be phased back into the realm of being a services that will soon becomes socially acceptable. With all this being said, we continually encourage our members and facilities to listen and consult their local health authorities for any specific questions as they are the experts in this field.

With that being said, the PGA of BC has created a resources page in which best practices are shared. You can access this page at the following link: <http://pgabc.org/news/pgca-canada-member-resource-hub-covid-19>. In particular, you will see a link to the PGA of America's best practices as it pertains to coaching and teaching recommendations that may help individuals and facilities operate private and group lessons both safely and within health guidelines. I would strongly consider you take a read through those practices as it could give you some pointers and how you can safely resume these services.