
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
MAY 8, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and
18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation
19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of
20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be
21 determined," providing for emergency COVID-19 provisions.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
25 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding an
26 article to read:

27 ARTICLE I-A

1 EMERGENCY COVID-19 PROVISIONS

2 Section 101-A. Extension of waiver provisions.

3 The Secretary of Community and Economic Development shall
4 immediately issue a waiver to the Governor's 20200319 TWW COVID-
5 19 Business Closure Order for all golf course activities that
6 comply with section 102-A and can adhere to the social
7 distancing practices and other mitigation measures defined by
8 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to protect
9 workers and to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

10 Section 102-A. Golf course activities.

11 In order for golf course activities to qualify for the waiver
12 under section 101-A, they must meet the following
13 qualifications:

14 (1) The golf course must not permit nongolfers on the
15 course and only essential employees may be permitted on the
16 premises.

17 (2) Players must either walk or be restricted to one
18 golfer per power cart.

19 (3) All food and beverage sales must occur in accordance
20 with all food safety standards applicable under law.

21 (4) Retail stores and pro shops must not be open and in-
22 person retail sales must not be permitted except as
23 authorized by the Governor.

24 (5) Flagsticks must be removed or the cups outfitted
25 with liners in such a manner as to avoid additional touch
26 points.

27 (6) Bunker rakes and other on-course furniture,
28 including benches, ball washers and water coolers, must be
29 removed.

30 (7) There may be no common-use distribution of items,

1 including tees, scorecards, pencils and ball markers.

2 (8) Signage must be installed to encourage no group
3 congregation and to facilitate communication and check-in
4 policies from outside of the facility. Posted signage must
5 encourage compliance with applicable regulations of the
6 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including no hand
7 shaking and frequent hand washing.

8 (9) Push carts may be permitted only if brought to the
9 course by the golfer and the golf course is not permitted to
10 provide push carts.

11 (10) All golfers must use their own golf clubs. The
12 sharing of golf clubs must not be permitted and the course
13 may not rent them.

14 (11) Restrooms must be frequently cleaned and
15 appropriately sanitized throughout the day in accordance with
16 applicable health requirements.

17 (12) Staff must wear protective gloves and face masks in
18 accordance with applicable health requirements.

19 (13) Staff must monitor parking lots to ensure golfers
20 do not congregate and tailgating does not occur.

21 (14) The golf course must educate staff on the Centers
22 for Disease Control and Prevention requirements and proper
23 hygiene and sanitation regulations and promptly update the
24 staff on changes to the requirements and regulations.

25 (15) Golf bags must remain in the golfer's possession at
26 all times. No staff member may handle bags at any time.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.