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## **Memo on behalf of Alberta Golf in collaboration with Golf Canada:**

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In light of the heightened global concerns surrounding COVID-19 (Coronavirus), Alberta Golf and Golf Canada are closely monitoring Health Canada and Government resources as well as consulting with various partners including the Canadian Olympic Committee, PGA TOUR, LPGA Tour and others.

COVID-19 is something that the entire sport and golf community both internationally and domestically are taking seriously, especially with respect to the health and well-being of our people as well as any potential impact on our athletes or events.

### **Immediate Travel, Meetings and Workplace Safety**

As an immediate precaution, Alberta Golf has cancelled all in-person meetings until further notice. In addition, all staff have decided to cancel all personal travel and have been asked to work remotely in order to support social distancing measures.

### **Handicapping Seminars**

All handicapping seminars will be delivered through digital presentations only. Each club will be provided with access to these presentations and will be able to obtain the necessary certification through the online quiz.

### **Championships**

The 2020 championship schedule is set to be released on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The following procedure has been established for all Alberta Golf Championships during the 2020 season. We strongly recommend competitors enter any events scheduled in which they intend to play this season. **In the event Alberta Golf cancels the event or the competitor needs to withdraw, entry fees will be 100% refunded.**

Decisions on whether or not an event will proceed will be made and communicated to each competitor no later than 30 days prior to the start of the event. This procedure will remain in place through the balance of the 2020 championship season. *Championships will be cancelled not postponed.*



### **Preventative Measures**

The following are a number of safety precautions that all of us should take into consideration as pro-active health measures for themselves and others:

- Wash hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water or use an alcohol-hand sanitizer,
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze,
- If you don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve,
- Stay at home when you are sick.

These measures may seem simple, but they are very powerful ways to protect yourself and others from getting sick, especially during a heightened period where health and wellness are top of mind.

Individuals interested in learning more can also find regular global updates related to COVID-19 distributed by the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#).

**Alberta Health Services** has additional resources available for individuals including the online [COVID-19 SELF ASSESSMENT tool which is available here](#).

### **Protecting Our People**

The health and wellness of our staff, coaches, athletes, volunteers and stakeholders is our top priority. We thank everyone for their cooperation with the outlined precautionary measures as we learn more about, and react to, the ongoing developments around COVID-19.

Should anyone have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact either one of us directly.

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