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# Coronavirus: RCSCW schedules golf reopening May 4

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West is prepping for an eventual reopening with safety procedures in place, beginning with golf on May 4.

Golfers who want to hit the links as soon as possible will want to put money on their membership accounts as no cash will be accepted during the first phase of reopening. Golfers can call any of the seven courses to put money on their accounts to be used for golf, although only five of the courses will reopen on May 4.

Golf staff will be available via phone from 7 am. to 5:30 p.m. beginning Monday, April 27, to book a tee time, add credit to your member account, or answer questions about play. Visit <https://suncitywest.com/golf-course-contact-us/> for contact information. Beginning Monday, May 4: Stardust, Grandview, Echo Mesa, Trail Ridge, Deer Valley will be open for golfing with restrictions listed below. Pebblebrook and Desert Trails will be closed until fall for overseeding and maintenance.

The Rec Centers closed its seven golf courses on April 14, with the timing aimed at eliminating resident and employee exposure as Arizona headed into its estimated peak Covid-19 weeks. Sun City West has fared well according to the Arizona Department of Health Services zip code map.

“We firmly believe the low number of cases is a result of our early closures and cautious approach early on,” said General Manager Bill Schwind. “Letting up now would be a mistake, and we do not want to see a fresh spike in cases due to lifting too many restrictions too early. Golf will reopen, but we expect members to abide by the safety precautions and restrictions in place.”

Those restrictions include:

- Golf will be open to MEMBERS and public card holders ONLY during the first phase; guests will not be allowed.
- The first phase will be member credit and credit card payments only.
- The driving range will be open, but there will be no cash available for making change for the machines.
- Beginning April 29, members and public card holders (without guests) can make lottery requests for tee times that are for May 4, 2020.
- Golfers must socially distance; no gathering before or after rounds or in parking lots is permitted.

- Each golfer should have their own cart, unless they live in the same household.
- No concessions will be sold.

Rec Centers officials are still watching state infection figures closely before announcing plans for the rest of the facilities. "Chartered Clubs and other facilities will not reopen until a later date, due to the difficulty in enforcing social distancing in those locations," said Schwind. "We are working on plans for their eventual reopening as well."

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