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Golf's potential phased approach linked to the Welsh Governments

'Unlocking our society and economy: continuing the conversation' publication

The Welsh Government has recently published the above document, where they provide a 'traffic light' guide to their thinking about how we move out of the current lockdown.

COVID-19 is spread by social interaction and the effects of meeting other people. Where two people from different households meet and both otherwise live and work on their own, then the risk is low. As numbers of contacts grow, so do the risks of creating chains of transmission and outbreaks.

Every step in the table below depends on making the right decisions.

The 'red' 'amber' and 'green' labels represent broad phases to illustrate how the Government can begin lifting lockdown measures. The table below shows how these measures COULD look for Golf, to be used alongside the current Government, Industry, Wales Golf, and Club guidelines to ensure maximum safety.

Doing more in the 'red' phase, or moving beyond it, is dependent on continued progress in containing the spread of the virus, as well as monitoring how Golf adheres to the guidelines.

The Government could move more quickly in some areas than others as the evidence changes, and they understand more about the risks and how they can be managed in different settings. Similarly, they may need to reverse course in some areas should conditions worsen.

Highlighted in yellow is the current stage Wales is within the traffic light system.

Seeing family and friends

Lockdown	**Stay at home and contact only within households (limited exceptions).**
Red	Seeing one person from outside your household to provide or receive care or support while maintaining appropriate social distancing.
Amber	Taking exercise with one other person or small group whilst maintaining appropriate social distancing.
Green	Meeting one other person or small group to socialise whilst maintaining appropriate social distancing.

Getting around

Lockdown	Leave the house for essential travel only.
Red	**Local travel, including for click-and-collect retail.** Promote active travel and adapt public transport for physical distancing. Allow outdoor leisure and recreation.
Amber	Travel for leisure, access non-essential retail and services, and more people travelling to work.

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Green Unrestricted travel subject to ongoing precautions.

Exercise, playing sport and games

Lockdown Exercise once a day outside of house on own or with household.

Red **Exercise more than once a day and incidental activity locally.**
Outdoor sports courts to open. Elite athletes resume some activity.

Amber Team and individual sports, non-contact sport and games in small groups indoors and outdoors. Some outdoor events with limited capacity and events behind closed doors for broadcast.

Green All sports, leisure, and cultural activities open, with physical distancing. All events resume with limited capacity.

Relaxing and special occasions

Lockdown Stay at home and only leave the house for essential purposes.

Red **Some opening of outdoor cultural and other sites.** Relaxation and leisure outdoors where local.

Amber More cultural and leisure sites to reopen (e.g., museums and galleries). Weddings and other events with limited capacity and physical distancing.

Green All special occasions and cultural and leisure activities permitted with precautions in place.

Working or running a business

Lockdown Work from home, if possible. List of businesses required to close.
2m requirement in workplaces where not possible to work from home.

Red **More outdoor work and click-and-collect retail.** Businesses not required to close (e.g., construction) reopening under safe-working practices.

Amber Non-essential retail to reopen with physical distancing. Trial some personal services under appointment (e.g., hairdressers). Accommodation businesses open without shared facilities.

Green Restaurants, pubs, and customer contact industries under physical distancing. All businesses and workplaces open under new protocols.

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Going shopping/ retail

Lockdown	Essential retail only face-to-face.
Red	**Include click-and-collect for non-essential retail.** Begin making adaptations to the public realm (e.g., town centres).
Amber	Can access most non-essential retail where adaptations are possible to maintain physical distancing.
Green	Town centres and high streets adapted to facilitate shopping and accessing services under physical distancing. Able to access all retail and leisure facilities whilst taking reasonable precautions.

Education and Care for Children

Lockdown	Closed except to key workers and vulnerable children. Outreach services in place.
Red	**No change, but able to manage an increase in demand from children already eligible to attend schools and childcare.**
Amber	Priority groups of pupils to return to school in a phased approach. Increased numbers of children in childcare.
Green	All children and students able to access education. All children are able to access childcare.

Below is Wales Golf's interpretation of what Golf COULD look through the various stages in the traffic light system. It is for information (and potential planning) purposes only. Insight feeding this strategy is updated continuously, and we could move backward, remain static, or forward at different stages and within various categories.

Adhering to Government guidelines is **paramount**. Clubs must ensure equal and fair access to all sections at all times through the stages and should make reasonable adjustments (where current legislation allows) for those with a disability. Clubs should consider implementing a strategy for those experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. Speak to the Development Team for more advice on this.

Each change MUST to be risk assessed to ensure maximum safety and suitability for each club.

The shaded burgundy - the current phase Golf is at within the Government guidelines.

Additional to this Government, Industry, Wales Golf and Club Guidelines to be followed throughout, including appropriate physical distancing:

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	Lockdown	Red	Amber	Green
Number of people per tee booking	**18th May 2020** **10-minute intervals** **1 ball (or 2 balls from the same household)**	*Definition of 'support' and 'care' to be confirmed and if below applies for Golf.* Pending definitions, potentially individuals requiring support or care (e.g., a guide) could play in a two-ball or supervised by a person providing 'support' or 'care' who is from household adhering to physical distancing and protocols.	Strictly minimum of 10-minute intervals *(clubs must risk assess ensure suitability to their course – if 4 ball timings are allowed this may need to increase pending club risk assessment)* Potential for 4, 3, and 2-balls from different households (pending government guidelines and definition of small groups).	As previous
Booking method	**Online or telephone**	Online or telephone	Online or telephone	Online or telephone
Type of Golf	**Individual/ Social Golf**	Individual/ Social Golf	Social and Casual Club competitions. Club competitions **open to all sections** to ensure equal and fair access (see Wales Golf for further support in implementing)	Social/ Casual Club competitions/ possible open competitions
Who can play	**Members-only and monitor implementation of restrictions (promotion of membership packages to the local community, consider short term membership packages to attract nomadic/lapsed golfers, etc. Maintain excellent customer service and ensure the membership induction process is amended accordingly with additional support and info on new protocols.**	As previous	Local (if still a restriction) member's guests. Clubs could consider visitor green fees - clubs to assess risk and consider how rules and restrictions will be communicated and monitored for visitors. New2Golf membership packages (where applicable).	As previous with no travel restrictions

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	Lockdown	Red	Amber	Green
Practice facilities	**Closed. Putting green may open for players shortly before their round with physical distancing in place.**	As previous unless safe sanitation can take place (OUTDOOR ONLY)	Open under industry guidance and if H&S authorities allow.	As previous
Driving Ranges	**Closed**	Closed	Dependent on the construction of the facility and if this is considered an outdoor facility/ leisure activity. Driving ranges to consult with H&S authorities regarding a potential opening with a comprehensive risk assessment to take place. Strict sanitising must take place on balls, hard surfaces, touchpoints, etc.	As previous
Indoor coaching rooms/ studios	**Closed**	Closed	Ideally closed where coaching can take place outside, this, however, could open for one to one coaching if government guidelines, H&S authorities allow, and a comprehensive risk assessment takes place. Strict sanitising must take place on balls, hard surfaces, touchpoints, etc.	As previous
Getting around/ travel	For essential purposes only	**People can travel within their local area to play Golf**	People may be able to travel further to play golf / and leisure purposes	Unrestrictive travel subject to precautions
Retail/ Professional shop		**Click and collect service (online order only). Potential to open for tee bookings only following LA Health and Safety advice and comprehensive risk assessment. This**	Professional shops could open for retail following physical distancing, government, and industry advice. A comprehensive risk assessment must be conducted.	As previous

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	Lockdown	Red	Amber	Green
		to take place outdoors where possible.		
Coaching	Closed	**Closed**	Coaching OUTDOORS with physical distancing one to one or in small groups (pending government advice). Potential junior academy coaching and New2Golf delivery in small groups.	Coaching OUTDOORS and potentially INDOORS with physical distancing - one to one and small groups (pending government advice). Junior academy coaching and New2Golf delivery in smaller groups.
Catering and restaurants	Takeaway and delivery service	**Takeaway service at club and delivery service**	Takeaway service and delivery service. Potentially open halfway house. Visitor takeaway packages could be developed along with a green fee (if applicable). Some special occasion functions may be possible (see below)	Restaurant and bar may open under physical distancing and Government guidelines
Clubhouse facilities	**Toilets and washrooms may open under H&S authority guidance and if hygiene standards and physical distancing can be maintained**	Toilets and washrooms to open under H&S authority guidance and if hygiene standards and physical distancing can be maintained	As previous	As previous
Functions	**Closed**	Closed	Weddings and some other events, with limited capacity and physical distancing, may be allowed	All special occasions permitted with precautions in place

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	Lockdown	Red	Amber	Green
Education and community sessions	No school golf sessions Potential for golf clubs to loan Tri-Golf equipment to their local school hub (if/ where applicable).	**No school golf sessions** **Potential for golf clubs to loan Tri-Golf equipment to their local school hub (if/ where applicable)**	As previous	Potential for schools or community sessions incorporating physical distancing and sanitising of equipment - dependant on Government guidelines

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