

PGA TOUR Statement – Health & Safety Plan Updates
July 8, 2020

Protocols for positive/symptomatic cases

At the inception of the PGA TOUR Health and Safety Plan, the TOUR's policy for all positive test results for players and caddies required a minimum 10-day self-isolation period, based on the Centers for Disease Control's time-based protocols.

On July 1, the TOUR transitioned to a **test-based model** for **asymptomatic** cases. Therefore, in accordance with CDC guidelines, a player or caddie who tests positive for COVID-19 but has not had any symptoms may return to competition if he returns two negative tests results, a minimum of 24 hours apart.

For clarity regarding players and caddies who tested positive for COVID-19 and were **symptomatic** – in accordance with CDC "Return to Work" guidelines and in consultation with the PGA TOUR Medical Advisor and infectious disease experts – cases in which a player or caddie tested positive and **continues to test positive**, the TOUR follows a **symptom-based model**, as outlined by the CDC, allowing for him to return to competition if:

- At least three days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery*, which is defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and** improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); **and**,
- At least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*.

The TOUR's medical advisors and the CDC have indicated that PCR tests have shown a possibility of detecting viral RNA even after the infectious virus is no longer present. This would potentially become a persistent positive test result, despite the individual not being contagious.

Out of an abundance of caution, however, any player or caddie who meets the above criteria but continues to return a positive COVID-19 test will either compete as a single in competition or be grouped with players under the same situation, and he will also have no access to indoor facilities on site.

At this week's Workday Charity Open, Dylan Frittelli, Denny McCarthy and Nick Watney will follow the symptom-based model, as they have continued to return positive tests but meet the CDC guidelines for Return to Work. The three will play together in rounds one and two.

For more information on the CDC guidelines referenced above, visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/strategy-discontinue-isolation.html>