

**Rockledge Golf Club and Buena Vista Golf Course
will reopen on Sunday, May 10, 8:30 AM**

WEST HARTFORD, CT (May 7, 2020) -- Rockledge Golf Club and Buena Vista Golf Course will reopen to the public on Sunday, May 10, at 8:30 AM. Weather permitting, tee times will be available from 8 AM until dusk for the remainder of the month.

The Town of West Hartford's decision to reopen was out of the desire to maintain control over safe practices since the activity on the courses has been unregulated.

Although Rockledge and Buena Vista courses will reopen, significant restrictions will be in place -- for operators and golfers alike -- including physical distancing, credit card transactions only, online tee time registration and single-use carts. Patrons will be required to wear face coverings while they check in or anytime they are near clubhouse or starter shack. The pro shop, clubhouse, snack bar and restaurant will remain closed at Rockledge, but the restroom in the center of the course is open for all patrons.

The CDC recommendation of keeping a distance of at least 6 feet between people will be enforced before, during and after play. Golfers will be asked arrive just before their tee time, and line up on the driveway until they are called. After their game, patrons must continue to practice safe distancing in the parking lot. Attendants will be on site to remind patrons of the rules.

For this opening weekend, starting times will open up for online booking on Friday morning at 10:00 AM for slots this weekend. Tee time slots have been spaced out in 10-minute intervals to allow for more time between starts. Go to **www.rockledgegolf.com**, to book tee times and pay for them online. New users to the online system Club Prophet will need to create an account.

After this weekend, starting time reservations may be made online seven days in advance for weekdays and four days in advance for weekend and holidays. The opportunity to place online reservations will open daily at 6 AM. The lottery system for booking tee times is no longer available.

The facility has implemented other measures aimed at ensuring safety and reducing the risk of spreading the virus. Common sense precautions such as removing rakes from bunkers and eliminating the use of ball washers have reduced touch points.

Those who can walk, should walk. However, carts will be available -- one per customer -- for \$18, which also must be paid for in advance. If the people ordering the cart live in the same household, they may share a cart for \$36 per couple.

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At the Town's 9-hole executive course, Buena Vista, all transactions are credit card only on a first come, first served basis at the starter shack. Weather permitting, this weekend it will begin at 8 AM. No carts will be available at Buena Vista at this time.

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