



To all Allendale Country Club Members, Guests and Employees

I'm sure all of you are aware that the Governor has extended the Non-Essential Business Closure to May 18, 2020. The good news is they have also created an Economic Advisory Board to help plan for a safe and responsible reopening of our State. The question most of you have asked is what does this mean for golf? What are the next steps....Mass Golf and the Alliance of Massachusetts Golf Organizations (AMGO) will help to educate and serve as a resource to our Government Officials and the Economic Advisory Board. They will submit guidelines to show how golf courses and operations can open as a safe recreational activity. The Advisory Board will then make any changes they deem necessary. AMGO will communicate out the approved guidelines and a date we will be allowed to open. As of right now that date is May 18th. For weeks, The AMGO group has tried without luck to help the State Officials see that golf can be safe activity. There is a strong sense of optimism with the creation of the Advisory Board to hear their case. Our hope is they lift the ban before the 18th but It is important to remember that we all must work together during this time and respect the Governor's Executive Orders.

In addition we have received word from Valley Top management that they are ending their management of our food and beverage service. This is unfortunate that they have taken this action because they had just signed a new contract and we would have worked with them to get through this temporary period of uncertainty. We are in talks with them to how best separate from our current agreement. This will no doubt take some time to work out the details. As far as the food minimum that anyone has already paid directly to Valley Top it will be taken care of through Allendale Country Club.

While I know we all are frustrated with the fact that we cannot play at our beautiful golf course at this time. We are taking this opportunity to be ready when we are allowed to open back up. Some of the projects that we have done since we have been closed:

- Painted the parking lot lines
- Stripped the Portico in front of the club house to prepare to rebuild
- Filled in the holes in the parking lot
- Replaced all the lights and fixed the sump pumps in the underground garage
- Laid down over 30 yards of mulch
- Fixed the periscope on the 7 tee box
- Aerated all 18 and the putting greens
- Grinded over 70 stumps and filled up the holes all over the course
- Built a new Pro Shop counter
- Patched up the flat roof & replaced the ceiling tiles in the ladies locker room
- Rebuilt the corner of the former ladies locker room
- Deep clean of the Pro Shop and all the carts
- In the process of changing our web site and online services from Golf Now to Fore Up
- Clean up all along the road on 11 and 12 for a better visual to the course

These projects would not have been able to get done without the tremendous support of our staff and members. On behalf of everyone at Allendale, **Thank You.**

I would also like to thank everyone for your consideration and patience during this time please be safe, stay well and we will see you on the first tee soon enough.

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This Petition was referenced in the Boston Herald, and we have reached 30k and counting.

<https://www.bostonherald.com/2020/04/27/golf-courses-in-massachusetts-remain-off-limits-as-neighboring-states-play-through-coronavirus/>

With the governor extending today through 5/18, many contacts have been made about next steps. We'll continue to try and voice the concerns for the golf industry in Ma and how we can influence this.



MASS GOLF COVID-19 UPDATE

Update from Governor Baker's Administration - April 28, 2020

Mass Golf and the Alliance of Massachusetts Golf Organizations (AMGO) have been and continue to work with government relations experts to not only better understand the current situation in Massachusetts during the COVID-19 era but also in how to best move forward on behalf of the golf community in the Commonwealth.

As of April 28, 2020 the Governor has extended the Non-Essential Business Closure to May 18, 2020. They have also created an Economic Advisory Board to help plan for a safe and responsible reopening.

With these recent developments, AMGO will help to educate and serve as a resource to our Government Officials on the Economic Advisory Board in hopes to have golf recognized as a safe recreational activity under the appropriate restrictions and guidelines. It is important to remember that we all must work together during this time and respect the Governor's Executive Orders.

Please visit [MassGolf.org](https://www.massgolf.org) and follow [@PlayMassGolf](https://twitter.com/PlayMassGolf) on social media for up to date information.

Well wishes,

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