



**COUNTY OF BLANCO, TEXAS
ADDITIONAL DIRECTION OF COUNTY JUDGE RELATING TO LOCAL
STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
PHASE I RE-OPENING OF VAALER CREEK GOLF COURSE**

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, Blanco County has declared a local disaster; and

WHEREAS, a Stay in Place order was issued on April 6, 2020 that generally requires citizens to stay home and not congregate in groups larger than six (6) when not at home or frequent non-essential businesses, and

WHEREAS, golf courses, gyms, weight rooms and athletic facilities are non-essential and have been closed in Blanco County, and

WHEREAS, residents of Rocking J subdivision in Blanco County, Texas, who are members of the golf course, have petitioned for their exclusive use of the facility during the existence of the Stay at Home order under rigorous conditions; and

WHEREAS, the authorizations and restrictions below are made after having consulted with, and applying the advice of, medical experts:

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF
BLANCO COUNTY, TEXAS:**

SECTION 1. The Vaaler Creek Golf Course in Blanco County may only be utilized by full-time residents of the Rocking J subdivision, in Blanco County, under the following conditions:

1. Use of motorized vehicles (such as golf carts and utility vehicles) is discouraged.
2. If a private motorized vehicle is used, no more than 1 person may occupy the vehicle during Phase I. **NO FLEET MOTORIZED VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED.**
3. No more than 2 persons are allowed per party and no party may use a particular teeing ground, fairway and course-hole at one time.

4. Hand sanitizer must be available at each tee and each green.
5. No participant or spectator is to touch any surface touched by another.
6. No pins are to be used and inverted cup liners are required.
7. No one other than the player himself/herself is to touch his or her golf ball, clubs or other golfing equipment.
8. All prescribed social distancing procedures are to be followed, including separation of a minimum of 6 ft., frequent washing of hands or use of hand sanitizer, refraining from play if exhibiting any signs of illness, etc.
9. All players and participants must wear a mask at all times. The mask may be of various styles but must be capable of trapping particles from the person's mouth and nose. Each player shall, if requested by Vaaler Creek management, provide a waiver of liability concerning contracting Covid-19 while engaging in golf activities.
10. The driving range facility connected to the subject golf course may also be utilized. Participants may only use every other station and all of the above personal protection measures, as applicable, must be observed. Golf balls must be thoroughly sanitized between use by players.
11. Golf Course and Driving Range facilities may only be open for use thirty (30) minutes after sunrise and must close thirty (30) minutes before sunset.
12. The ability to inspect, as described in previous orders and directives concerning this facility, remains in place.

SECTION 2. Furthermore, section 2 of the prior April 7, 2020 order remains in effect. The golf course may conduct minimum basic operations to maintain the facility in anticipation of the time when they are open to the public again. Any club house restaurant or similar amenities on or associated with the golf course may conduct operations in the same manner as any other Blanco County restaurant under the disaster declaration and orders that currently exist; and

SECTION 3. In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days; and

SECTION 4. This declaration takes effect at 11:59 P.M. on April 16th, 2020 and hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

DECLARED this 16th day of April, 2020 at 9:20 (P)AM/PM.

Brett Bray
County Judge
Blanco County, Texas

ATTEST:

Laura Walla
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County Clerk

