



Dear First Tee of the Sandhills Participants, Coaches, Volunteers, Families and Friends,

Today, Friday, March 20, we want to provide an update from our initial statement on Sunday, March 15, 2020.

On Monday March 16, the White House asked communities to help *slow the spread over the next fifteen days*. This included the request to not gather in groups of more than 10 people, schooling from home, discretionary travel and social visits should be avoided. As you know, the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed! Social distancing and/or maintaining a minimum distance of six feet from others is recommended.

The safety of our kiddos, families, volunteers, staff and supporters is our top priority and we feel the current steps being taken are necessary to ensure we are supporting the mission to *slow the spread*.

As of today all Life Skills Experience Classes, Camps, Special Events and TARGET Programs, **at all locations** will continue to be **postponed through Tuesday, March 31, 2020**.

In addition, Girl Scouts Day at Gates Four Golf & CC, originally scheduled for March 21 is tentatively rescheduled for Saturday, April 18. And, Volunteer Demo Day in Cumberland County, originally scheduled for March 28 at Stryker GC is being rescheduled for a future date.

Beginning Monday, March 23, our **office will be closed to the public** unless you have a pre - scheduled appointment. Our staff will be working very limited hours in office, on a rotating schedule. We will not be accepting golf equipment donations during this time.

Online Registration will continue for our Drive, Chip & Putt Series and Summer Camps! This are great opportunities to look forward to in the coming months!

Our youth programs are hosted outside where we are able to follow suggested personal space guidelines and safety precautions while still enjoying fun games and activities while engaging in learning opportunities. If achievable, we feel this resumption of programs will help bring some stability to the children we serve in an unstable situation. Please know, if we determine it's safe to resume our regular schedule we always respect our participant families and volunteers decision to stay home.

This very fluid situation requires constant review, communication, and transparency. We appreciate your patience in receiving multiple messages during this time. As promised, we will continue to access the current state of events in the Sandhills and make weekly updates on schedules, postponement and future dates.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns – 910.255.3035 or info@thefirstteesandhills.org.

Thank you again,

Courtney Stiles, Executive Director