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### **Washington County Okays Golf Courses to Open**

*Administrator sends letter encouraging golf courses to open immediately*

West Bend, WI – After discussions with Washington County Sheriff Marty Schulteis and Washington Ozaukee Public Health Officer Kirsten Johnson, County Administrator and County Executive-elect Josh Schoemann has sent a letter to all county courses permitting them to open. Courses may immediately begin booking tee times online and over the phone.

Schoemann released the following statement:

*Our recreation activities have been limited for too long. It is time to smartly begin to open our economy. Allowing recreation activities which allow for social distancing is the first of many steps.*

*As county staff worked to keep our parks open and clean, Governor Evers closed thousands of acres of the Kettle Moraine Forest in Washington County without asking for our support. I commend our staff for keeping our disc golf, dog park, and miles of trails open. Now is the time to ensure golf courses begin to operate safely.*

*For non-golfers, tomorrow is the ceremonially opening of our recreational trails. Volunteers across the county will be getting our trails, such as the Eisenbahn, in shape for the summer.*

*I call on the governor and our legislature to release a comprehensive plan to re-open our state. In the coming days, Washington County intends to release a “Blueprint to Reopen” based on [the American Enterprise Institute’s Roadmap](#) and [guidance released by the White House](#).*

*The citizens of our state and county have waited too long for Madison bureaucrats to tell us when our society can return to normal. Our citizens are smart. I encourage everyone to continue to practice social distancing, limit large gatherings, and stay home when sick.*

*Together, we will beat COVID-19. Our economy should not go down with it.*

Washington County operates the best municipal golf course in the state. Tee times at the Washington County Golf Course are available now at [golfwgcg.com](http://golfwgcg.com) or by calling the pro-shop at 262-670-6616. All rounds must be pre-paid, the course is not renting golf carts, and the driving range remains closed.

Check [www.co.washington.wi.us/coronavirus](http://www.co.washington.wi.us/coronavirus) for up-to-date information on the pandemic.

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