



25th March 2020

To All Members

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 virus being elevated to Alert level 4 the Waihi Golf Club will be closing down its operations today. This includes the Clubhouse, Office, Shop and the entire course to our members and the general public.

This decision was made by management last night following the Government's requirements the requirements of our own governing body, NZ Golf and Sports NZ

Following is an excerpt from NZ Golf, which is very clear on what our position is, and we are following their advice.

*"The move to Alert Level 4 has major consequences for the golf sector. **From Wednesday 25 March at 11.59pm, all operations at golf clubs must cease for at least four weeks.***

This means all golf courses, practice facilities, clubhouses, pro shops, bar, function and catering facilities must now close. While this a major move for the country, the government is trying to save lives and we urge the golf sector to do all we can to play our part.

While there was some thought that on course solo golf activity might be able to continue, providing a controlled environment that is healthy and safe will simply not be possible for all golf courses and facilities.

Regarding the maintenance of golf clubs and facilities during the four-week shut down period, we are working with Sport NZ and the government to seek urgent and critical advice. We understand this advice may be at least 24 hours away.

Once we get clarification on this we will act accordingly, if possible we will be undertaking some maintenance on the course so that we can return to golf as quickly as possible when the Level 4 is lifted.

The situation is unprecedented and could change.

Be assured the Management team are in contact by email regularly and will keep you up to date with any developments.

Best Regards---Stay Home and Safe
THE MANAGEMENT TEAM