COVID-19 Rules and Handicapping
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The COVID-19 epidemic has forced clubs in Virginia and across the country to think outside the box to limit touchpoints both on and off the golf course. Specifically, on the putting green, many clubs have chosen to make modifications to the hole, including raising hole liners above ground level or placing PVC, pool noodles or other objects in the hole so the ball can be more easily removed.

The USGA has just announced a temporary measure within the United States to accept scores played under these conditions for handicap purposes using the most likely score guidelines (Rule 3.3 in the Rules of Handicapping), even though the player has not holed out. This temporary measure is now in effect within the United States until advised otherwise by the USGA.