



Update on the Effort to Ensure a Minimum Level of Maintenance 3/24/2020

We apologize for the delay in communications. As of right now, the State of New York has been very slow to update any guidelines or respond to any asks for clarity. Golf course maintenance is not alone in this frustration. In the meantime, all of New York is expected to adhere to the executive order and any subsequent designations as an essential business expressly granted by Empire State Development.

We are not lawyers but offer the following recommendations:

Read and understand the current executive order and clarifications as they are made public. At this point, there is no “golf” specific language for our industry to rely on. Discuss with your owners, boards, committees, and leaders within your operations to develop a plan for your facility. Consult a local attorney for guidance if needed. States that have developed golf specific language have included “minimum” as a requirement. Be sure to have a Minimum Level of Maintenance plan in place for your facility.

Below are the steps that have already been taken on your behalf:

- The Empire State Development has been petitioned
- Every county in New York has been petitioned
- Individual superintendent associations have asked members to conduct advocacy outreaches

Recent efforts:

- After speaking via conference call 3-23-2020, members of NY chapters of CMAA, PGA, and NYSCA are solely focused on our message of minimum maintenance and distributing our letter.
- They have made valuable touches and are keeping the group up to date on specifics.

Your Associations continues to work hard for golf course maintenance as an essential business designation. This will offer you our members the confidence you need to protect the most important asset at your facility during these difficult times.

We continue to urge you to communicate our association letter with key local and state politicians or policy makers in reference to essential business designations and connect with your association President with feedback or leads.

Stay safe and be well.

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