



Rocky Mountain Chapter

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Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

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Office of the Governor Jared Polis
State Capitol Building
200 E. Colfax Ave., Rm. 136
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Golf Course Maintenance Facilities – Essential

Dear Governor Polis,

With the unprecedented concerns related to the outbreak of COVID-19, all 600 members at the Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association understand the enormous need to limit public exposure and the spread of COVID-19. Our member golf courses and clubs in the state of Colorado are and have been implementing proactive measures to limit the spread of COVID-19. Many of the superintendents have developed and implemented creative staffing measures with rotating staff on alternative schedules, limiting contact and changing lunchroom protocols and continued facility disinfection, in order to keep turf management operations ongoing. If the State of Colorado decides to follow the lead of other states to close all non-essential business, we ask that you include an exception for Golf Course Maintenance Facilities.

Turf maintenance is essential in order to prevent a complete loss of turf grass. Colorado has more than 250 courses encompassing 36,500 acres. An exception is necessary to prevent total loss of these acreages.

Colorado's golf industry generates an economic impact of over \$1.2 billion dollars. The Colorado Golf Course Maintenance Facilities are critical in keeping the golf industry alive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary E. Leeper".

Gary E. Leeper
Executive Director, Rocky Mountain GCSAA