## **Dear Carolinas Chapter CMAA Member,**

The Allied Associations that represent golf in South Carolina are working together to inform the decision makers across South Carolina about the benefits of allowing access to golf during any "Shelter In Place" orders. However, it is incumbent on us as Course Operators, Managers, Golf Professionals and Superintendents to MAKE CERTAIN that our facilities are as safe as we can possibly make them for the golfing public and our staff as well. If you have taken the necessary steps, we thank you and applaud your dedication to keeping the golfers and staffs in our state safe.

However, we need to make certain that all golf courses have reacted sufficiently to the COVID-19 situation. We are reaching out to every golf course in South Carolina and imploring them to take immediate and aggressive action to make their courses safe, both for their golfers and their staff. Make no mistake; safety should take immediate precedent over any other operational concerns.

Please ensure that you are following all COVID-19 protocols to protect your staff and customer. The NGCOA has established a best-practice guidelines checklist through the PARK & PLAY program (click the icon to get a copy):



This is an ever-changing situation that we all know is unprecedented in the history of our country. Current state regulations allow South Carolina courses to remain open, with restrictions. Mecklenburg County in NC just enacted a "Shelter in Place" order that recognized golf as an "essential activity." This is due to their belief in the inherent safety of golf, as well as our efforts to ensure that our courses are enacting these safety measures to protect the public and our staff. This is what we are trying to accomplish and maintain.

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions.

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