

# Ontario Golf Superintendents' Association

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ASSOCIATION



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Dear Premier Ford:

On behalf of the Ontario Golf Superintendents' Association representative of 850 Members and our provinces golf courses throughout Ontario, thank you for your leadership during this challenging, unprecedented time.

In response to your closure of non-essential services announced this week, we are writing to respectfully request that golf course grounds maintenance be deemed an essential service.

The work of critical up-keep on the grounds cannot stop. If we abandon this work, we will jeopardize the vast green space and future business activities of our Province's golf courses.

Golf course maintenance directly parallels agriculture in that spring is the most crucial time of year for our industry due to the abundance of growth and inputs needed for proper maintenance and care. Any halt or delay in golf maintenance now will only accelerate the potential for significant turf loss on golf courses province-wide in the weeks and months ahead.

Golf course grounds maintenance, by its nature, is an outdoor activity that can be performed by individuals working on their own, and not interfacing with the general public.

We are all in this together, and the golf course industry stands with your office and Ontario's public officials to contain COVID-19. We hope you will honor our request to continue to perform these essential functions within our communities.

We look forward to hearing from you and welcome your office to contact the undersigned at any time to discuss our concerns further.

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