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TO: WLCA Members

RE: Thursday PM COVID-19 Update

Good Afternoon!

We wanted to take a moment to update everyone on what we have been working on related to the COVID-19 issue. Over the past several days, there have been times when we have a great deal of information to get out to each of you and times where it's all behind the scenes work without a lot to communicate. Rest assured that we are working hard to get answers to questions and will continue to communicate all relevant information in a timely fashion. Today seemed to be one of those "behind the scenes" days.

- WLCA has spoken with Rep. Joan Ballweg. She has asked for copies of all the documents we have sent to the Governor and WEDC. She has indicated that it is frustrating to her that there is not an appeal process for the order. We will continue to stay in contact with Rep. Ballweg.
- WLCA had a call with the Wisconsin Builders Association. They requested copies of all of our documentation. They have also been in contact with the Aggregate Association.
- During a conversation with WEDC yesterday we were informed that landscaping and lawn care are NOT essential.
- WLCA continues to monitor the issue and will provide daily updates.
- We received word today from NALP (National Association of Landscape Professionals) that of the forty states currently on lock-down, Wisconsin and Michigan are the only two that refuse to include landscaping as an essential business.

Stay safe and healthy!