

We hope this message finds you well and taking the necessary precautions to avoid contracting the rapidly spreading Coronavirus and COVID-19. The unpredictable nature of the virus and the extent of its threat find us in the middle of uncertain and extraordinary times. Having considered all the available information and in following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and local/state health department officials, the Met PGA is electing to act with an abundance of caution, prioritizing: the health of our professionals, their staff and members, prevention of the virus from infiltrating our facilities and gatherings, and contributing to public health efforts to reduce the spread of the virus throughout communities.

The Met PGA Executive Committee has been monitoring the situation, especially over the last 48 hours, as it relates to our early season meetings has determined that these extraordinary circumstances call for extraordinary actions. As we've already witnessed, major sporting events, civic engagements and municipal closures have already disrupted plans and daily life. While frustrating, these inconveniences and sacrifices are being made in the name of helping to curb this public health crisis. We recognize that changes to the Met PGA schedule will have similar effects on our professionals and their families and we ask for your patience and understanding as we venture through this together.

As such, the Executive Committee has decided to postpone the following events:

- Met PGA Spring Meeting
- Met PGA Educational Forum
- Met PGA Assistant's Spring Meeting
- District 2 Teaching and Coaching Summit

In addition, the annual MGA/Met PGA Rules Seminar has been cancelled.

It is important to note that at this point, we have separated the concept of large indoor meetings and gatherings from our schedule of outdoor golf events. Over the next few weeks, we will be working closely with our host clubs with the goal of preserving our golf tournaments. In fact, we believe that this is an opportunity for golf clubs and golf courses to be among the few escapes for people during this difficult time. Golf provides the benefits of fresh air, sunlight, exercise, and recreation—while maintaining “social distance,” which cannot be found in many other places right now.

In addition to these scheduling announcements, we want to inform you that our section staff began working remotely on March 13<sup>th</sup> and will continue at minimum through Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>. The staff will be available via email and phone, with calls to the office forwarded to individuals via an app. We will reevaluate the timeline of this and keep you informed as we proceed.

Understanding the importance of information and communication, we have met with our local allied associations and will be sharing resources that are currently being gathered regarding closures, disruptions, postponements, and adjustments to regularly offered amenities at area clubs. The concept of “Golf & Go” has been popular, capitalizing on the benefits of golf while mitigating the risk of being grouped indoors. While these difficult decisions will remain unique to clubs, we believe the sharing of information will be helpful.

We thank you again for your patience and look forward to seeing you on the golf course very soon. Take care and be safe.

Sincerely, Met PGA Executive Committee

- Carl Alexander, President
- Theron Harvey, Secretary
- Chris Kenney, Treasurer
- James Ondo, First Vice President
- Andrew Gruss, Second Vice President
- Jeff Voorheis, Executive Director