TDGA COVID-19 Update March 27, 2020, 06:30 AM

Good Morning,

Today’s Toledo Blade has a great editorial titled “Get Outside Safely”. It opens with the line “Get out and spread out.” People need to take this to heart, especially if they wish to continue to play golf under the current state of Ohio Stay at Home order.

The anecdotal reports that some local Health Departments are requiring Golf Operations to close are true. However, in yesterday’s briefing, Governor DeWine was asked by a reporter if outside activities such as basketball and golf were allowed. He responded that on an earlier con call with people around the state some mayors had closed basketball courts because of people gathering to watch the games. He did not directly address golf, saying only that activities such as walking in a park were allowed. Later in the briefing, in response to another question, Dr. Amy Acton indicated through her words and actions that golf was allowed.

The mixed messages from the state are causing confusion.

Anecdotal reports have reached the TDGA office indicting that golf courses were busy yesterday, and that social distancing requirements were not enforced. If you do not enforce the standards of the Stay at Home order you will be closed. You cannot allow golfers to gather for post round beverages. Basketball has been banned due, if we’re not careful, golf will be as well.

Sincerely,

The Toledo District Golf Association