COVID-19 UPDATE

Federal Updates

- Secretary Mnuchin and Senator Schumer reached a deal on the Paycheck Protection Increase Act on Tuesday. The two sides agreed to a total of $470 billion in additional relief aid. The bill passed the Senate by unanimous consent on Tuesday, the House is expected to vote on the legislation on Thursday.

- The major funding elements of this legislation include:
  - $310 billion for PPP.
  - $60B set aside for underbanked businesses.
  - $60 billion for the EIDL program.
  - $75 billion for hospitals.
  - $25 billion for coronavirus testing.

- Once this piece of legislation passes the House, attention will once again turn to the creation of CARES II and subsequent legislation.

Media Coverage

New York Post – New Jersey Golf Course Organizations Make Plea to Governor to Reopen
Illinois – Pritzker Looks at Re-opening Golf Courses, but Urges Caution Amid COVID-19 Pandemic
Phoenix – Sun City West to Reopen Golf Courses

State Updates

- California – Counties across California continue to ease their “Stay at Home” restrictions, and courses are being allowed to reopen. In addition to Madera, Merced, Placer, Riverside, Sacramento, San Luis Obispo and Ventura Counties, golf courses are now permitted to reopen in Orange and Napa Counties. The Orange County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday evening to allow both public and private courses to reopen with proper social distancing guidelines in place, while Napa County updated their “Shelter at Home” order on Wednesday to allow courses and driving ranges to reopen.

- Florida – Consistent with the approach of Miami-Dade County that was reported Tuesday, officials in Broward County are working on a plan that would slowly reopen their county. In a coordinated effort, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties would enact similar reopening restrictions. More information may be found HERE.

- States with an Executive Order but courses can remain open for play:
  - * Certain jurisdictions have issued closures

- States with an Executive Order and required course closures but maintenance allowed:
  - Alaska, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Nevada, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Washington

- Executive Order issued with required course closures and maintenance not allowed:
  - None currently

- States without a “Stay at Home” Order and golf remains open for play:
  - Arkansas, Iowa, Nebraska