



March 26, 2020

INLA Members,

I received several calls yesterday, from many that are non-members that wanted the information regarding the Essential Business entity for our industry. In most cases, I directed them to the INLA Website for and advised hem to check the Coronavirus page on our website.

I heard that many of our members that received the email, apparently were still apprehensive about the "authenticity" and are they clear to work? In this letter, I am attaching the email header, stating the source. As you see the highlighted area is from a state government entity! I have removed the person it was sent to, to avoid direct emails and any potential spamming.

I sent to our Green Industry Alliance legislative team for "authenticity and legitimacy", they replied back it is a legitimate email and would suggest all businesses use this in the body of their ESSENTIAL TRAVEL documents all employees should have at all times..

Secondly, please be sure you are practicing the safe 6' distance rule at all times. Do not put 5 people in a truck, in my opinion this is a red flag for law enforcement, and possible stop and receive a citation.

As I mentioned in previous letters it is up to each individual company and organization to decide if they want to continue to conduct business or not. The very minimum if you are working contact your customers first to see if they want you there or would rather wait, based on the perception of neighbors, etc.

ACTUAL email - From: IEDC COVID Response <COVIDResponse@iedc.IN.gov>

Date: Mar 24, 2020 4:27 PM

Subject: RE: Commercial and HOA Common area Landscaping Industry

Hi Jim,

Landscaping and lawn care service providers are considered essential businesses under the Governor's Executive Order.

We urge Indiana employers and businesses to use their best judgement in determining their ability to comply with social distancing requirements. Along with the Governor's executive order, businesses should also abide by any orders or mandates established by local governments. All residents and businesses should continue to maintain best practices or implement policies as recommended by the CDC.

The Executive Order may be viewed online here: https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive_Order_20-08_Stay_at_Home.pdf.

Thank you,
IEDC Response Team

If you feel so inclined to share with non-members, please mention that this why you are a member!

Regards,

Rick Haggard – Executive Director