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TO: Ohio Concrete Membership FROM: Association President & Executive Director

RE: COVID-19 Member Update DATE: March 26, 2020

Recently, I asked our Promotion Directors to poll their members to see how they were coping with the COVID-19 pandemic, and the "Stay At Home Order" from the governor. The response seems to be universal throughout the state. An overwhelming majority of members are remaining open to service their regular customers and contracted jobs. They are not looking for any additional work, and are not interested in taking work away from any competitor. Most companies are not accepting COD orders at this time. Most companies are challenged to service their own customers due to the fact that a lot of drivers are staying home and are apprehensive of getting exposed to the virus. Those that are working are very closely conforming to the governor's recommendation of social distancing. They are remaining in their trucks as much as possible, washing their hands frequently, using hand sanitizers whenever possible, and wearing gloves, at all times. They are not congregating in break rooms back at the plant, and keeping a safe distance from other employees as much as possible. In other words, they're using common sense, and following the health department's guidelines.

Another big challenge we're seeing is that the contractors are having a difficult time getting enough finishers and laborers to make any sizeable placements. Employers are allowing as many employees as possible to work from home, and not punishing anyone who chooses to stay at home during this pandemic. It appears that almost all companies are operating, on a limited basis, as normal as possible.

These are difficult times, but be aware that it seems everyone throughout the state has the same challenges as you are facing. Please be patient, use common sense on preventing the spread of this horrible virus, and we will all get through this together. Keep in mind that our staff is still working for you every day, even though we are not making physical appearances. If there is anything that I, or any of my team, can do for you please don't hesitate to call, text, or email.

Thank you and be safe!

**Greg Colvin** 

President & Executive Director