



April 3, 2020

Governor Kemp Releases FAQ About Shelter-in-Place Order; Mayor Johnson Extends Local Shelter-in-Place Order Through May 1

Governor Kemp has released a set of frequently asked questions and answers about the executive order issued yesterday mandating that Georgians shelter in place in their homes except for engaging in essential services, working in critical infrastructure and performing necessary travel. [Click here to view the FAQ sheet](#), or [click here to read the order in its entirety](#). Currently, the order is in effect through 11:59 p.m. April 13.

The Georgia Chamber has prepared an [overview](#) of Governor Kemp's executive order that includes a one-page summary of the Shelter-In-Place Executive Order, as well as information from the Georgia Department of Economic Development's website.

Earlier today, Mayor Van Johnson extended Savannah's order for sheltering in place through 11:59 p.m. May 1. [Click here to read the mayor's statement](#). The order by Governor Kemp supersedes all local orders, but once Kemp's order wanes on April 13 (assuming it does not get extended), local orders such as Mayor Johnson's directive will still be in place since it does not wane until May 1.

TODAY'S UPDATES

[Join the Chamber and TLC for a Virtual Town Hall with Senator Kelly Loeffler](#)



Please join the Savannah Area Chamber and the Tourism Leadership Council on Monday, April 6 at 5:30 p.m. for a town hall conference call with U.S. Senator Kelly Loeffler. In the call, Senator Loeffler will share an overview of the federal government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are asking that all questions for Senator Loeffler be submitted in advance by clicking [HERE](#). Please submit your questions by noon on Monday, April 6.

Call-In Procedure:

Dial: 1-202-224-0808

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For more information contact Jared Downs, director of governmental affairs at JDowns@SavannahChamber.com.

[Small Business Administration Provides Guidance on Paycheck Protection Program](#)



The Small Business Administration has released final information for lenders and small businesses for the Paycheck Protection Program, which provides \$349 billion in loans for small businesses, the self-employed, and independent contractors. These loans can be converted into grants based on an employer's expenses. [Click here for the Small Business Administration's final rule document](#) announcing the implementation of this program, provided by the offices of U.S. Senators Perdue and Loeffler.

Small businesses can begin applying for these loans today, and the application is available online. To learn more, [visit the Treasury Department's website](#) or the [SBA's website](#).

- A top-line overview of the program can be found [here](#)
- More info for lenders can be found [here](#)
- More info for borrowers can be found [here](#)
- The application for borrowers can be found [here](#)

Congressman Buddy Carter also provided the Chamber with a summary of the PPP program and frequently answered questions. [Click here to read Congressman Carter's summary](#).

[Congressman Buddy Carter's Office Provides FAQ Answers to Healthcare Workers](#)



Yesterday, Congressman Buddy Carter provided an important list of answers to common questions his office was receiving from healthcare providers. Although these questions and answers are specific to that industry, other members of the community may find it helpful or comforting to have insight into how our healthcare system is functioning during this stressful time. [Click here to read the information](#).

[Recordings of Town Hall Events with Commissioner Mark Butler, Mayor Van Johnson](#)



Catch up here on recent town hall events with officials.

April 2 Conference Call with Georgia Department of Labor Commissioner Mark Butler

Commissioner Butler was joined by Georgia Chamber President & CEO Chris Clark to discuss the expanded rules and regulations in place to assist both businesses and employees during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For those who may have missed the conversation, a recording of the interview can be viewed by following this link: <https://youtu.be/562DtzKrNTQ>

To download and read a summary of the call, [click HERE](#).

April 2 WTOC Town Hall with Mayor Van Johnson

On Thursday night, WTOC hosted a virtual town hall with Savannah Mayor Van Johnson. [Click HERE](#) to watch a video of the virtual town hall in the WTOC studio.

Good News



There's a lot going on in the world right now, but there are plenty of reasons to be positive about the future. Check out these good news stories:

- Febris, a Savannah medical startup, [launches free training module](#) for nurses, medical staff.
- Local author and productivity specialist Dr. Melissa Gratiyas has [created a free e-book](#) to help educate your kids about the coronavirus.
- [Local Farmbag](#) is now offering 15% off all deliveries for all new customers until May, and 50% OFF for all those that work in healthcare.
- [Ghost Coast Distillery has traded in spirits for sanitizer.](#)
- Staff of [Debi's Restaurant](#) flagged down truckers on Bay Street to give them a free breakfast biscuit and

day street to give them a free breakfast biscuit and gratitude.

- [Salacia Salts is creating hand sanitizer](#) and donating it to the local homeless community.
- Nine Line Apparel, winner of the Chamber's 2016 Entrepreneur of the Year Award, is [receiving praise](#) for vowing to produce millions of medical masks for first responders.
- Bonefish Grill Savannah and The Lady and Sons [donated excess food to first responders](#).
- [SafeCity](#) is providing free video surveillance installation and remote-access viewing to local businesses in order to help Savannah community entrepreneurs protect their establishments.
- The Rising Tyde Community Food Pantry is putting together hundreds of care packages every week this month. Owner and operator of Tybee Beach Vacation Rentals, Keith Gay, in collaboration with his brothers, the local IGA and Tybee Family Chiropractic [helped add additional items to each care package this week](#).
- [Local business co-owner of Abode Studios](#), Chrissy Rippetoe, is using her talents to make gowns, masks, 3-D print face shields and mask hooks for healthcare working in the Savannah area.
- [Salt Island Fish and Beer and the Tybee Island YMCA](#) provided free bagged meals for students.

Do you have any positive local stories to share? Send them to Info@SavannahChamber.com with the subject "Positive Stories" and we may choose yours to share with the community!

[Guidance and Resources](#)



We will update and add to the links below as new guidance and resources become available. [Click here to visit the Chamber's resource page.](#)

- [Coronavirus Digital Toolkit](#)
- [Coronavirus Guidance for Employers](#)
- [Coronavirus Workplace Tips for Employees](#)
- [Coronavirus Resource Hub for Small Businesses](#)
- [Coronavirus Local/State Policy Tracker](#)
- [Coronavirus Workplace Flyer](#)
- Dial 311 for City of Savannah information
- Dial 211 for help from the United Way of the Coastal Empire
- Dial 1-800-Georgia (436-7442) for State of Georgia information

For more info, please visit [the CDC's Guidance for Businesses page.](#)

The Savannah Area Chamber is working hard to provide timely access to business resource information during the COVID-19 pandemic. The interpretation and recommendations of the information provided by the Chamber should not replace the consult of professional advisors familiar with your unique business situation. While it is believed that the content of external links is accurate and reliable, accuracy and completeness of information contained herein is not guaranteed. Users of this information accept all risks associated with the use of such information and agree that the Savannah Area Chamber has no liability to the user.



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