



April 9, 2020

TOMORROW: Town Hall Conference Call with Senator David Perdue

Senator David Perdue will join the Savannah Area Chamber and the Tourism Leadership Council on Friday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m. for a conference call.

Senator Perdue will share an overview of the federal government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on South Georgia.

Senator Perdue is a businessman and politician serving as the senior United States Senator for Georgia since 2015. The Senator sits on the Armed Services, Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, Budget Committee and the Foreign Relations Committee.

Questions for the Senator must be submitted in advance by 4 p.m. today. [Click here](#) to submit your questions. Call-in info is below. We encourage you to dial-in five minutes prior to the call start time to be placed into the conference call.

Conference Call for the Savannah Area Chamber and Tourism Leadership Council

Date: Friday April 10, 2020

Time: 9:30 a.m. EST

For Computer Login Information, [click here](#).

For Dial in Information

Call: 1-415-527-5035

Conference Code: 909 867 500

Passcode: 3521

NOTE: This call is for members only, the conversation is off the record and non-reportable.

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

TODAY'S UPDATES

[Georgia Primary Delayed Again to June 9](#)



Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger has delayed Georgia's primary elections for the second time this year due to concerns about spreading COVID-19, pushing it back from May to June.

"This decision allows our office and county election officials to continue to put in place contingency plans to ensure that voting can be safe and secure when in-person voting begins and prioritizes the health and safety of voters, county election officials, and poll workers," said Secretary Raffensperger in his statement.

June 9 is now the date when Georgians will now vote in Georgia's Democratic presidential primary, as well as party nominees for a U.S. Senate seat, U.S. House members and members of the state House and Senate, judges and district attorneys. [Click here to read more about the postponement.](#)

[Senator Loeffler's Office Provides Paycheck Protection Program FAQ](#)



Following the Chamber and TLC membership's conference call with U.S. Senator Kelly Loeffler last week, Senator Loeffler's office followed up with the Chamber by providing an FAQ sheet about the Small Business Administration's loans via the Paycheck Protection Program. [Click here to view and download the FAQ Sheet.](#)

SBA Assistance Programs Survey



The Georgia Chamber is conducting a short poll of its members to gather information on how Georgia small businesses are utilizing SBA assistance programs and what other financial assistance is needed. If you are a small business owner, please participate in this brief, two-question poll that will provide valuable insights to the Georgia Chamber so they can best advocate for you and your businesses. [Click here to participate in the survey.](#)

Mobile Food Pantry Event for Hospitality and Tourism Workers to be Held April 16



The Chamber, TLC, City of Savannah and others are partnering with America's Second Harvest for a mobile food pantry event next Thursday, April 16 from 9 a.m.-noon. The mobile food pantry event on River Street will benefit current and recently unemployed hospitality and tourism workers. Stay tuned for more details.

Savannah Voice Festival Launching 'Virtually Live' in May to Keep the Music Playing



Savannah VOICE Festival (SVF) announces a new initiative to offer lovers of the vocal arts, live music online during these times of social distancing as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. SVF has already introduced the regular posting of previously unseen concerts on its YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/3dSHpRA>.

The new 'Virtually Live' series will launch in early May 2020 and will take the place of the previously scheduled Prelude series, which begins the launch of the 8th annual Savannah VOICE Festival scheduled from August 1-23. SVF is currently planning for the 2020 festival to take place this August, with season plan announcements to be made and tickets to go on sale in June. However, the organization will continue to assess and respond appropriately in line with public health recommendations as the current situation evolves. [Click here to read more from Savannah CEO.](#)

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:

- Savannah State professors [use 3D printing to produce PPE](#) equipment
- [Re:Purpose Savannah receives \\$20k](#) Gulfstream Giving Grant
- Savannah Arts Academy teacher [delivering joy to students](#)
- [America's Second Harvest donates 50 boxes](#) of nonperishable food to Tybee Island
- Savannah nurses [head to work in hard-hit NYC](#)
- [Savannah Community Foundation announces \\$50k in support](#) of United Way's Rapid Response Fund
- Tyler Perry leaves [\\$21k in tips for Atlanta servers](#) who are out of work
- ['The Giving Kitchen' gets local support](#) helping F&B workers during COVID-19 outbreak
- [Passover meals shared in Savannah](#) despite isolation.
- Leopold's launches [free pints of ice cream](#) during COVID-19
- [Thomas & Hutton assisted America's Second Harvest](#) to provide 13,650 meals for distribution to the hungry

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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