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[Savannah Mayor Van Johnson Unveils the “Savannah Safe” Initiative](#)



Mayor Van Johnson today unveiled the Savannah Safe pledge initiative, a voluntary program challenging area businesses to commit to following the CDC and FDA COVID-19 sanitation and safety guidelines. Businesses are asked to log onto SavannahSafe.com to take the “Savannah Safe” pledge, where they will be categorized by business type - like restaurants, accommodations, retail, professional, etc.

Participating organizations will then be e-mailed digital poster to display in their physical locations and on their digital platforms pledging that they are “Savannah Safe.”

Consumers and visitors will be able to check SavannahSafe.com for listings of businesses that have made the commitment to keep our community healthy and protected from the spread of COVID-19.

This partnership is in conjunction with: City of Savannah, Savannah Area Chamber, Visit Savannah, Visit Tybee, the Tourism Leadership Council, the Metropolitan Savannah Hispanic Chamber, the Greater Savannah Black Chamber of Commerce, the Savannah Downtown Business Association, City Market, Buy Local Savannah and others.

To take the Savannah Safe Pledge today, [click here](#).

[Click here](#) to see a the list of Chamber members who can assist with the printing of “Savannah Safe” posters.

We realize that during these difficult times, you and your business have had to adjust and adapt to the current reality. Visit Savannah and Visit Tybee are here to provide continual support throughout this journey. Chamber members can also update the status of their business listings and information on adjusted offerings/operations in response to COVID-19. To complete to Chamber form, [click here](#).

[Gov. Kemp Gives Update on COVID-19](#)



Source: [Brian Kemp, Office of the Governor](#)

Governor Brian Kemp issued Executive Order 05.12.20.02 on Tuesday calling for live performance venues, bars, nightclubs, and operators of amusement park rides to remain closed through May 31. Gov. Kemp says the order will enhance health outcomes and give Georgians the opportunity to prepare for a safe reopening in the near future. The large gatherings ban is still in place. More than 10 people are not allowed gather in a single location unless there is at least six feet between each person. Additionally, the elderly and medically fragile should continue to shelter in place through June 12.

For a full re-cap of Gov. Kemp's address on COVID-19, please, [click here](#).

[Georgia Chamber Hosts Lieutenant Governor Geoff Duncan for Virtual Town Hall Tomorrow](#)



Source: GaChamber.com

Please join the Georgia Chamber tomorrow, May 14 at 10:30 a.m. for a virtual town hall with Georgia Lieutenant Governor Geoff Duncan. Moderated by Georgia Chamber President & CEO Chris Clark and in partnership with the Georgia Hispanic Chamber, these COVID-19 virtual conferences are designed to provide relevant and timely updates, information and insight on statewide management of this global pandemic along with resources to assist Georgians in the road to recovery.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89994372652>

Or iPhone one-tap :

US: +16465588656,,89994372652#

or +13017158592,,89994372652#

Webinar ID: 899 9437 2652

International numbers available:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcWScBiQN6>

[Georgia Courts Can Expand Judicial Work Under Chief Justice's Order](#)



Source: SavannahNow.com

Georgia's Chief Justice Harold Melton extended the statewide judicial emergency through June 12 in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, continuing his bar of jury trial and grand juries in most instances, while giving Georgia judges a little more flexibility in resuming some court functions. The Chief Justice said the latest extension was needed because "most court facilities are not prepared to comply with social distancing and other public health requirements to safeguard the health of litigants, lawyers, judges, court personnel, and the public during extensive in-court proceedings or proceedings involving a large number of people."

For more information on the extended order, [click here](#).

Reach Summer Visitors Today by Updating Special Offers Page



Current tourism research indicates that Americans are ready to travel this summer! And while recovery will be slow, our data shows that people are actively starting to search for Savannah and Tybee for travel deals. If you would like to reach those summertime visitors and help in tourism's economic recovery, please submit your summertime deals by May 22, 2020 to be featured on VisitSavannah.com and VisitTybee.com. [Click here](#) to submit your deals.

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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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