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[Governor Brian P. Kemp Issues Executive Order Allowing Bars, Summer Schools to Open June 1](#)



Governor Kemp announced next steps in reviving Georgia's Economy yesterday at a press briefing on the state's response to COVID-19. Highlights of the executive order include:

- Gatherings of more than 25 individuals requires individuals to stand or be seated at least 6 feet from any other individuals. Groups of more than 25 people are permitted, if their grouping is transitory or incidental. This now includes small weddings, recreational sports, and other certain events. Restaurants are still required to cap parties/tables to 10 individuals.
- The shelter in place order for Georgians 65 and older and the medically fragile will continue through June 12, with exception for necessary activities.
- The wearing of face coverings in public to mitigate viral spread is strongly encouraged.
- Live music venues will remain closed at this time and will be reviewed at a later date.
- Effective May 31, overnight summer camps and bars/nightclubs may reopen with strict sanitation and social distancing rules in place.
- To open, bars must limit the number of people to 25 persons or 35 percent of total occupancy, whichever is greater. The serving of drinks is limited to seated patrons or those in designated areas, limiting party size to six. In addition, to 39 other requirements.
- Banquet and private event facilities may open June 1 under the same restrictions as restaurants and dine-in services and must follow same directives on operation.
- Amateur and professional sports may engage in practices and other in-person operations starting June 1. They must operate by the rules or guidelines of their respective sports leagues.
- Amusement parks, traveling carnivals, water parks, etc. shall not begin operations until June 12 and also are subject to restrictions within the order.

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

[2019 Longwoods USA Study Reports 4.5 Percent Increase in Visitor Spending over 2018](#)



This week, Visit Savannah reported to its Board of Directors the 2019 results of the Longwoods Travel USA Study, showing a 4.5 percent increase over 2018 in visitor spending —totaling to an estimated \$3.1 billion – with the average length of stay remaining 2.5 nights.

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[U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Partners with Pharmacy and Retail Companies to Accelerate Testing](#)



Source: [HHS.gov](https://www.hhs.gov)

HHS has partnered with pharmacy and retail companies to accelerate testing for more Americans in more communities across the country. These companies are coordinating with state and local governments to provide Americans with faster, less invasive, and more convenient testing. The partnership also moves to protect healthcare personnel by eliminating direct contact with symptomatic individuals. Georgians can find community-based COVID-19 testing sites [here](#).

[Amid COVID-19 Challenges, Chatham's 2020 Census Drive Lags Behind 2010's Survey-Collection Rate](#)



Source: [Savannah Morning News](#)

Local officials are expressing alarm as Chatham County's 2020 census-taking operations suffer from pandemic-related delays, with the county's self-reporting rate currently lagging about 8% behind the self-reporting rate recorded in late May during Chatham's 2010 census count. For more on this story from the Savannah Morning News, click [here](#).

For more information on why the Census is important or assistance completing it, visit [ChathamCounts.com](https://www.chathamcounts.com) or the official [Census website](#).

[Advertise Your Business in the 2020-21 Annual Relocation Guide](#)



Savannah magazine, the official publisher of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce Relocation Resource Guide, is currently offering display advertising options in the 2020-21 guide. Advertising in this guide will enable you to reach a targeted audience of 15,000 newcomers who are looking to make purchases with credible businesses, and establish lifelong buying relationships. The Relocation Guide provides readers with the essential information they need in an easy-to-follow format so that their move to Savannah goes smoothly.

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[Chamber Offers Members Flexible Dues Renewal Plans](#)



As the business community begins the process of “re-entry” into a more normal business routine, the Savannah Area Chamber is cognizant of the disruption and economic loss endured during COVID-19. Your continued membership is essential for us to execute our role of business advocacy, guidance and marketing. We hope soon to return with the events that so many of our member businesses rely on for marketing exposure. We know how critical this is, especially as we all try to recover. During this time, we would like to offer dues flexibility.

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[Boost Your Marketing Efforts This Summer with Visit Savannah Digital Campaigns](#)



Visit Savannah is kicking off summer with two new digital campaigns – one targeting the drive market and one targeting non-stop flight markets. The drive market campaign seeks to entice prospective travelers to book overnight stays in Savannah and targets past visitors and look-alikes of past visitors.

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Guidance and Resources



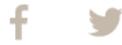
We will update and add to the links below as new guidance and resources become available. [Click here](#) to visit the Chamber's resource page.

- [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](#)
- [Money Magazine's Best Loans of 2020](#)
- [Worksource Georgia Provides Guide for Employment Assistance](#) - For companies and individuals looking for employment and training resources due to COVID-19, Worksource a program offered through the Technical Schools of Georgia had produced a new guide
- 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

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