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[Navigating Current Unemployment Challenges, with Sarah Lamar and Amy Mitchell of Hunter Maclean](#)



One consequence of Governor Kemp's announcement to incrementally reopen sectors of the economy is that some employees are resisting returning to work. Employee safety in the workplace amidst the COVID 19 pandemic should be a paramount consideration for employers looking to reopen their businesses. If the employer does not adequately respond to employee questions or concerns about their safety, it is not surprising that some employees will be hesitant to come back to work. However, other employees are resisting returning to work for an entirely different reason: the amount of federal and state unemployment compensation benefits has created a disincentive for them to re-enter the workplace.

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[The Federal Reserve Establishes Main Street Lending Program](#)



Source: [The Federal Reserve](#)

The Federal Reserve has announced that it is establishing a Main Street Lending Program (Program) to support lending to small and medium-sized businesses that were in sound financial condition before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Program will operate through three facilities: The Main Street New Loan Facility (MSNLF), the Main Street Priority Loan Facility (MSPLF), and the Main Street Expanded Loan Facility (MSELF).

To determine if your small and medium sized business meets qualifying terms, [click here](#).

## [Destinations Analyst Update on Coronavirus' Impact on American Travel](#)



Source: [Destination Analysts](#)

Americans report their next leisure trip will be to a destination 686 miles away on average, and they expect airlines and hotels to adopt new cleanliness and safety protocols to protect their health.

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## [Savannah Golf Championship Rescheduled for Fall 2020](#)



Source: [Savannah Morning News](#)

The Savannah Golf Championship has been rescheduled for Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 2020 at the Landings Club's Deer Creek Course. The tournament was originally scheduled for the week of March 30-April 5 but was postponed on March 17 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Korn Ferry Tour, which is owned and operated by the PGA Tour, announced Monday additional modifications and details regarding the restart of the 2020 schedule and a fall calendar of events that will be part of a one-time, combined 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour season. For more details on the Savannah Golf Championship event, read the Savannah Morning News article in its entirety, [click here](#).

### [U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Path Forward Program Hosts Call Thursday, May 7](#)



Source: [U.S. Chamber Foundation](#)

Chamber members are invited to join the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Thursday, May 7, at 3 p.m. for the next Path Forward broadcast—a dialogue led by U.S. Chamber president Suzanne Clark on helping America prepare to restart the economy and get millions of people back to work.

As a reminder, the broadcasts will now air once weekly on Thursdays at 3 p.m. with the next installment focusing on learnings and best practices for reopening strategies from companies around the globe.

[Click here](#) to register now.

### [The New normal? US Airlines Announce Requirements for Passengers to Wear Face Masks](#)



Source: [USAToday](#)

As travelers begin to return to the country's airports, they will notice the changes meant to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Beginning today, Delta, United and JetBlue will require all passengers to wear face coverings. Delta and JetBlue will make them mandatory from the time they check in through the time they deplane. Delta, which says customers can take them off for meals, will also require them in its Sky Club lounges.

To read more about airline passenger mask requirements, [click here](#).

## 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:

- [Join Live Oak Public Library](#) for craft time online - each week on Facebook Live. Make an upcycling project with things you have at home. Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in the Live Oak Facebook page [here](#)
- [The DeSoto launches new concert series](#) on multiple balconies. Landmark hotel's Vibe series brings local musicians back, from a safe distance
- [The Advisory Alliance 60-Second Read](#): Have You Zoom-ed Out? When Work Becomes Your Screen Test

Do you have any positive local stories to share? Send them to [EBackus@VisitSavannah.com](mailto:EBackus@VisitSavannah.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
- [Money Magazine's Best Loans of 2020](#)

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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