



April 8, 2020

Media Briefing with Governor Kemp Today at 4 p.m.

The governor will be holding a media briefing and COVID-19 update with Georgia Department of Public Health Commissioner Dr. Kathleen Toomey, Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency Director Homer Bryson, and Georgia National Guard Adjutant General Tom Carden today at 4 p.m. The briefing will be livestreamed on [Facebook](#) and by [Georgia Public Broadcasting](#).

TODAY'S UPDATES

[Governor Kemp Extends State of Emergency Through May 13](#)



[The governor announced this morning](#) that he will be extending Georgia's state of public health emergency through May 13. During this time, the governor's emergency powers will also be extended, including his ability to suspend laws and impose other restrictions to contain the COVID-19 pandemic. This extension makes it unnecessary for the General Assembly to reconvene, and the announcement was made alongside Lg. Gov. Geoff Duncan and House Speaker David Ralson, who have both agreed not to call a special legislative session that was expected next week.

Federal Reserve Community Survey



[The Federal Reserve System is conducting a survey](#) to better understand the range of challenges facing communities across the country. It will help the Fed to understand how the crisis is affecting communities like ours and to support community needs. The survey is only open for three days and should take between 10 and 15 minutes to complete. Please only take the survey once. The survey closes at midnight this Friday, April 10.

Southern Living to Provide Travel Insights on WebEx Meeting



Tomorrow, April 9 at 11 a.m., Southern Living's research team will provide a presentation of travel insights relative to the COVID-19 pandemic gleaned from a special panel of magazine subscribers, digital users, newsstand buyers and pass-along reader ranging from 21-60 years old. The panel was surveyed between March 25 and 27 and Southern Living received more than 600 responses. Southern Living's research director Bridget Sellers will go over the results of the survey during the WebEx meeting and show how readers are assessing their future travel needs and reprioritizing their post-pandemic travel planning. RSVPs and questions for Bridget can be emailed ahead of time to Jennifer.Staiman@meredith.com. [Click here to join the WebEx meeting.](#)

Georgia Chamber Zoom Call with Governor Kemp Tomorrow



Tomorrow at 11 a.m., the Georgia Chamber of Commerce is hosting a virtual town hall meeting with Governor Brian Kemp for a COVID-19 update. The governor will share the latest efforts underway to combat the pandemic and Georgia back to work and back to business after the health emergency has passed, highlighting current action and communicating what is next for the state.

As a reminder, the Georgia Chamber's conference calls and Zoom meetings are open to members of the Savannah Chamber as a benefit of your membership. Ability to host attendees is finite and logon info shared publicly means less space Georgia Chamber and Savannah Chamber members. Please feel free to join but do not share logon information on public pages or social media channels.

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device: Please click this URL to join. <https://zoom.us/j/500865144>

Or join by phone:

Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

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Webinar ID: 500 865 144

International numbers

available: <https://zoom.us/u/acVyZM7Way>

[April 9: Coronavirus and Your Small Business--Live Q&A with SCORE Mentors](#)



Tomorrow, SCORE's expert business mentors will host a live webinar to address your small business questions and concerns regarding the current crisis to help you adapt your business and weather the storm. [Click here to learn about the panel of presenters and to register.](#)

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:

- [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.
- The City of Savannah has [committed to achieving 100% clean energy](#) by 2050.
- Tybee restaurant [The Sand Bar donates thousands of "bar dollars"](#) to employees.
- Tybee Island [couple sewing masks for health officials](#) in their spare time ([click here](#) to see their Facebook page, "Maskeraiders").
- Oatland Island Wildlife Center has created FOOVentures (Friends of Oatland Island), [a free educational video series](#) for kids offered via Facebook Live.

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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