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From the Georgia Chamber: Business Guidance Regarding State and Local Ordinances

As local governments begin implementing a variety of COVID-19 response ordinances, the Georgia Chamber is working with local chambers to clarify intent and to provide guidance for local business. Based on current information, here are the Georgia Chamber's recommendations:

- Every Georgia business should implement their plans to protect the health and safety of their customers.
- Every Georgia business should follow the CDC social distancing guidelines. All businesses should make every effort to ensure adequate social distancing occurs by maintaining at least six feet of personal space or as otherwise recommended by the CDC, and providing a station(s) to wash hands with warm water and antibacterial soap, hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol, or both, according to the ordinance.
- Businesses operating in localities that have not implemented restrictions should follow the governor's direction to limit **public** gatherings to 10 or fewer, and, if they decide to remain operational, should strictly enforce social distancing. For example, if your manufacturing facility employs 400 you should ensure that they remain six feet apart or seek further guidance from the Department of Public Health. We also recommend providing employees with masks, gloves and other health personal protection equipment (PPE) as needed.
- Essential businesses and services are not considered to be social gatherings.
- As our community has implemented an "essential business and services only" order, the Georgia Chamber strongly recommends that businesses follow the pre-approved Department of Homeland Security (DHS) list of critical industries for national continuity. That list can be found [here](#).

The impact from COVID-19 continues to change by the hour, and the Georgia Chamber as well as your local Savannah Area Chamber will work to provide the best information possible in real-time as we communicate with our partners around the state and country. For real-time COVID-19 updates out of the Georgia Chamber, visit their website at [GAChamber.com/COVID19](https://www.GAChamber.com/COVID19).

