



## March 31, 2020

Update to 1 p.m. Conference Call with SBA Administrator Ashley Bell

The Georgia Chamber is pleased to announce that SBA Administrator Ashley Bell will be joined by Senior U.S. Senator David Perdue to provide the latest out of Washington. Joe Shuford, Director of Government Guaranteed Lending for Synovus, will also provide perspective from the banking community.

Please join us for this Comprehensive Economic Injury Disaster Relief Overview today, TUESDAY, March 31, 2020 at 1 p.m. EST.

Due to the high-demand teleworking has placed on the conferencing industry, we have been asked to encourage as many of you as possible to join our call through your computer systems at the following link:

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## TODAY'S UPDATES

### [Correction to U.S. Chamber PDF on SBA Emergency Loans](#)



In yesterday's news update, we included information on the Small Business Administration's two major loan programs in response to COVID-19 and linked to a [PDF guide to these programs](#). The information contained there was correct except for the final bullet point under the first loan program, the Emergency Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL), which stated that EIDL assistance is available only to small businesses when SBA determines they are unable to obtain credit elsewhere. That was the case before CARES Act was passed last week, and removed that requirement. That means that EIDL is available to many credit-worthy businesses that may have been ineligible before. [Reach out to the SBA to find out if your business is eligible.](#)

### [WTOC to Host Virtual Town Hall with Congressman Buddy Carter](#)



WTOC will be hosting a town hall with Georgia Congressman Buddy Carter tonight, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. WTOC is asking the community to send them the questions they want answered to [townhall@wtoc.com](mailto:townhall@wtoc.com). At the event which will be on-air and on all of WTOC's streaming platforms, Dawn Baker will be in the studio with Representative Carter to get those questions answered. The network also be taking questions in real-time from their Facebook Live stream to ask the congressman. [Click here to access WTOC's Facebook page.](#)

## [U.S. Chamber Guide to Filing for Relief Under CARES Act](#)



The U.S. Chamber has [created a guide](#) to help small businesses, independent contractors, gig economy workers and other qualifying individuals prepare to file for a coronavirus relief loan under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Our hope is that this guide will prove to be valuable resource for our members as they begin to take the necessary steps toward accessing the fund to keep workers on the payroll during this disruptive period.

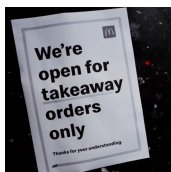
The U.S. Chamber has also compiled an interactive map to show the aid available on a state-by-state basis. [Click here to view it.](#)

## [Savannah Music Festival's Noon30 Concert Series](#)



Since what would have been the first day of the 2020 Savannah Music Festival, last Thursday, March 26, SMF has been sharing at-home and in-studio video performances by 2020 festival artists on the [SMF YouTube channel](#). Tune in every say this week at 12:30 p.m. and experience SMF Noon30, an online alternative to broadcast in the spirit of the festival! Tomorrow: Darrell Scott sends his contribution from East Tennessee, and violinist Robin Ashwell performs as piece by Elgar in Weald Village, Kent, UK.

## Restaurants Still in Operation During COVID-19 Shutdown



Many area businesses are still offering take-out and delivery options even though dining rooms are currently closed! Find information on area restaurants [here at VisitSavannah.com](#). You can also find information on Savannah restaurants at [DiningAtADistance.com/Savannah](#).

## Good News



- Nine Line Apparel, winner of the Chamber's 2016 Entrepreneur of the Year Award, is [receiving praise](#) for vowing to produce millions of medical masks for first responders.
- Look ahead toward better times: sign up for the [Enmarket Savannah Bridge Run's design contest!](#) Better hurry, though: the deadline is April 1!

Do you have any positive local stories to share? Send them to [Info@SavannahChamber.com](mailto: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](#)

For more info, please visit [the CDC's Guidance for Businesses page.](#)



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