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## Kemp updates Georgians; extends Shelter in Place until April 30, Suspends vacation rentals

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Georgia Governor Brian Kemp on Wednesday, April 8, announced he was extending the Shelter in Place order to fight COVID-19 through Thursday, April 30, 2020.

"All of the provisions of the state-wide Shelter in Place order will remain in effect," said Kemp. "I thank everyone who has followed these directives. I applaud your patience."

Kemp has also placed a suspension on short-term vacation rentals in Georgia,

after concerns were raised that the state was becoming a vacation destination during the pandemic.

"As a result, and in accordance with public health guidance, I have also signed an executive order to suspend short-term vacation rentals across Georgia," said Kemp. "To stop the spread of COVID-19, no vacation rentals shall occur in Georgia starting at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 30."

Kemp said the term vacation rental means any transaction to lease or license residential property for residential or

vacation purposes facilitated by a third party or a broker for 30 days or less between a corporation, partnership, person or any other entity or private person.

Kemp said there are a few exceptions to the suspension of vacation rentals.

"This order does not include hotels, including extended stay hotels, motels, campgrounds or purely commercial transaction," said Kemp. "This order does not include



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Georgia Governor Brian Kemp, at the podium, announced in a public address on Wednesday, April 8, that he is using an executive order to extend the Shelter in Place for all Georgia residents until Thursday, April 30.

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## Local United Way establishes COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund for Gordon County community

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According to Executive Director Jennifer Latour, United Way of Gordon County has established the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund for the Calhoun-Gordon County community.

"During times of uncertainty and crisis, the people of Calhoun-Gordon County have always come together to support one another," said a statement from United Way of Gordon County. "COVID-19 is a new test of our collective strength. With businesses closing and

layoffs being announced -- unemployment is on-the-rise."

The COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund is a way for the community to donate extra funds for local non-profits. Those non-profits will be able to help families and people in need by giving them access to critical information and services like food, utility assistance, shelter and rent assistance.

"The initial fund is \$2500; we are accepting any and all donations, and 100 percent of the donations are going to any and all agencies doing work in Gordon County that have direct needs and responses to

the coronavirus," said Latour.

To donate to the fund, visit the United Way of Gordon County's COVID-19 page on their website at [gordoncountyunitedway.org/united-ways-response-covid-19](http://gordoncountyunitedway.org/united-ways-response-covid-19) and click the link 'DONATE to United Way's COVID-19 Fund today.'

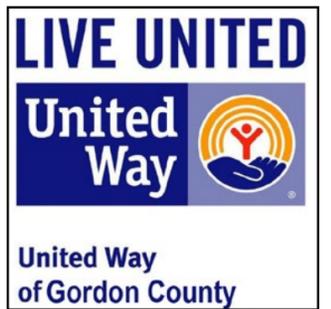
"The application is also open to non-profits in the area to apply," said Latour.

Non-profits wishing to apply may do so by visiting the United Way of Gordon County's COVID-19 page on their website at [gordoncountyunitedway.org/united-ways-response-covid-19](http://gordoncountyunitedway.org/united-ways-response-covid-19)

and clicking on the link 'APPLY for United Way's COVID-19 Response + Recovery Fund.'

For more information, visit the United Way of Gordon County's website at [www.gordoncountyunitedway.org](http://www.gordoncountyunitedway.org).

United Way of Gordon County is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving the Gordon County area. We work every day to advance the common good by investing in quality human service programs and by working with philanthropists, businesses, churches, local governments, and dedicated community volunteers to create lasting and



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measurable changes. United Way creates opportunities for all by focusing on the building blocks for a good life: Education, Basic Needs, and Health.

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## General Primary Election pushed to June 9

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On Thursday, April 9, Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger announced that he is postponing the Statewide General Primary/Presidential Preference Primary Election until June 9, 2020.

"Due to the Governor's extension of the state of emergency through a time period that includes almost every day of in-person voting for an election on

May 19, and after careful consideration, I am now comfortable exercising the authority vested in me by Georgia law to postpone the primary election until June 9," said Secretary Raffensperger. "This decision allows our office and county election officials to continue to put in place contingency plans to ensure that voting can be safe and secure when in-person voting begins and prioritizes the health and safety of voters, county election officials,

and poll workers."

The voter registration deadline for the June 19, 2020 election will be May 11, 2020. Early voting will begin on May 18, 2020. This will move the primary runoff to Aug. 11, 2020.

Pushing back the primary to June 9 gives Georgia election officials additional time to put in place contingency plans to allow for safe

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Early voting for the General Primary Election will now take place from May 18 - June 5, 2020. For those not mailing in ballots, early voting will take place at the Voter Registration Office on Piedmont Street in downtown Calhoun.

## Sheltering in place during COVID-19 pandemic isn't safe for everyone

Help still available during shelter in place for victims of domestic violence

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During one of his recent updates on the COVID-19 pandemic, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp stated that the number of domestic violence cases at Georgia hospitals has increased, an unintended side effect of the pandemic.

"We were told by one area Atlanta hospital they have seen a 15 percent

increase in domestic violence cases in their facility," said Kemp.

Globally, since the pandemic began, many countries have also seen a rise in domestic violence, with the United Nations reporting rising calls for help in Argentina, Canada, France, Germany, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Gordon County Domestic Violence

Outreach Office Coordinator Beth Peters said that while these times may be challenging for victims of abuse, there is help available in Calhoun-Gordon County.

"Most importantly, our services are still available during this difficult time," said Peters. "Those needing to reach our office can call us at 706-625-5586 or our 24-hour hotline at 706-278-5586. When

leaving a message at our office, please be sure to let us know if it is safe for us to return your call."

Peters said because of the current shelter in place, many victims are stuck at home with their abusers. She said this is a good time for victims of domestic violence to develop a safety plan.

"Safety is paramount. Victims would benefit by taking time to consider

safety planning," said Peters. "What will they do if a situation becomes violent? Some safety planning includes informing family, friends and/or neighbors about their situation. They should develop a way to let these parties know when they need help or need law enforcement.

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# Second Front

## GNTC instructors find creative ways to adjust to online learning

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The sudden closure of Georgia Northwestern Technical College's (GNTC) campuses compelled most traditional and industrial instructors to reformat their courses to be taken by students online while the world struggles with the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Although this adjustment has been challenging at times, I believe our faculty, staff and students have embraced the undertaking and are doing exceptionally well during these extraordinary times," Dr. Heidi Popham, president of GNTC said. "I cannot say enough good things about our faculty, especially those that have transitioned their courses from campus-based to 100 percent online. Their dedication and determination in making this quick change reflects their overwhelming commitment to our students and ensuring they have the skills necessary to be successful."

For Darrell Huggins, program director and instructor of Automation Engineering Technology, the sudden switch from a lab-based curriculum to one completely online was very challenging.

"It has been a challenge for sure," he said. "I had to create an online course, which usually takes a significant amount of time, in about a week."

Huggins said he is considering switching to a hybrid type class so his students can have a mix of the online content they are getting now as well as time to practice what they have been studying in a lab setting. The online portion of the course allows students to really get into the text book and engage in discussion posts Huggins said. It also allows them to view video tutorials of class projects.

Huggins, along with other industrial instructors at GNTC, have had to learn online learning tools and techniques while also passing this additional information along to their students.

With modern technology like video streaming and virtual labs, Austin Patrick, Industrial Systems Technology instructor, can give his students the best experience without being in the classroom. Patrick gave students information with announcements and emails so they would stay informed on how the new classes would be conducted.

"In the beginning, my concern was how to teach classes that are focused on hands-on labs," said Patrick. "When creating the content for classes, I made sure that I kept in mind the end goal of the courses. I want my students to have a great



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Donny Holmes (left), director of GNTC's Construction Management program looks over blueprints with Diamond Gwynn (right) in the construction lab on GNTC's Gordon County Campus. Like many GNTC instructors, Holmes has found creative ways to teach his students online.

education no matter what."

As of week one, students have been completing assignments and interacting with Patrick as well as each other in Blackboard Collaborate and discussion posts. Patrick said through planning and collaboration with other instructors at GNTC, they have been successful in the process of bringing their courses completely online.

Construction Management students are able to access daily tutorial videos from Donny Holmes, program director and instructor of Construction Management, as he tackles sheet rock, shingles and roof underlayment. Holmes' videos run about 15- 20 minutes long and he assigns a quiz for each video which covers the steps and tools used in his tutorials.

"I asked myself how I could continue this class online," said Holmes. "I had the technology and know-how and decided I could make these videos to give the students the closest thing to a live

classroom I could."

The switch to online learning has helped students of Nina Piatt, clinical coordinator and instructor of Emergency Medical Services and Paramedic Technology, to become more focused on learning from the textbook. Physical training has turned into e-learning and reading as an alternative way to understand EMS concepts. The first time instructor said the change has been a challenge given the hands-on nature of the program.

"We have moved to online testing, slideshow outlines, discussion posts and webinars to keep content fresh and interactive," Piatt said. "Just when I felt like I had things figured out it all got shaken up."

According to Jennifer Loudermilk, associate vice

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## CPD receives face shield donation from Mohawk



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On Wednesday, April 8, the Calhoun Police Department received a much needed donation in the form of 50 face shields. The donation from Mohawk Industries will help keep officers with the CPD safe while they continue to serve and protect the citizens of Calhoun. Pictured is Cpl. Josh Justice.

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# Obituaries

## April 11, 2020

### Frank Hedden

Mr. Frank Ray Hedden, age 74, of Resaca, departed this life Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born Nov. 12, 1945 in Etowah, Tenn., a son of the late Walter Harvey and Allie Savannah Hedden. He was also preceded in death by his son, Terry Hedden; brother, Billy Gene Hedden; sisters, Billie Allen, Sheila Gossage.



He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Linda Joyce Hedden of the residence; sons and daughters-in-law, Ray and Dee Hedden, Jeff and Laurel Hedden of Resaca; nine grandchildren, three great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Private graveside service was held on Thursday at the Canaanland Baptist Church Cemetery with Reverend Isaac Johns officiating.

Arrangements by Ponders Melrose Chapel 138 Melrose Drive Dalton, GA 30721, 706-226-4002 [www.selectedindependentfuneralhomes.org](http://www.selectedindependentfuneralhomes.org) and [www.ogr.org](http://www.ogr.org)



### Bobby Moon

Bobby E. Moon, age 82, of Calhoun, passed away on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at AdventHealth Gordon.

Bobby was born on Sept. 6, 1937 in Murray County to the late John Gordon Moon and Thelma Azelia Davis Moon. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Ronnie Moon. Bobby was a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church of Resaca.

Bobby is survived by: his wife, Eva Morgan Moon of Calhoun; son, Mike Moon of Wilburton, Okla.; three daughters, Rhonda Moon of Calhoun, Lynn Cole and her husband Clinnon of Wilburton, Okla., and Beth Burton and her husband Gordon of Wilburton, Okla.; brother, Richard Holcum of Calhoun; sister, Peggy Yarbrough of Calhoun; nine grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, funeral services for Bobby will be private.

You may leave the family online condolences at [www.thomasfuneralhomecalhoun.com](http://www.thomasfuneralhomecalhoun.com)

Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Bobby E. Moon.



### Louise Voyles

Louise M. Voyles, age 85 of Acworth, formerly of Calhoun, passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at WellStar Kennestone Hospital of Marietta.



Louise was born on March 19, 1935 in Polk County, Tenn. to the late Ben Cross and Eva Mae

Hughes. In addition to her parents, Louise was also preceded in death by 9 brothers and sisters. Louise was an avid doll collector. She was a member of Blackwood Springs Baptist Church.

Louise is survived by: her husband, Joseph "Joe" Voyles; son, Richard "Rick" Voyles; daughter, Cheryl Voyles; brother, Alvin Cross of Dallas, Ga.; three sisters, Lucille Baggett of Calhoun, Ruth Parker of Dalton, and Eloise West of Chatsworth; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren also survive.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a private funeral service and interment will be held for Louise M. Voyles.

You may leave the family online condolences at [www.thomasfuneralhomecalhoun.com](http://www.thomasfuneralhomecalhoun.com)

Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Louise M. Voyles.



### Jacqueline Wilson

Jacqueline Patterson Wilson, age 56, of Ranger, passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at her residence after an extended illness.



Jacqueline was born on Aug. 16, 1963 to the late Henry and Shirley Ely Patterson. In addition to her parents, Jacqueline was also preceded in death by her sister, Patricia Patterson. She was a member of Pleasant Grove (RYO) Baptist Church. Jacqueline was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Jacqueline is survived by: her loving husband of 38 years, Ronald Allen Wilson of Ranger; two daughters, Erica Leigh Giorgione and Allison Wilson Lambert and her husband Dustin of Fairmount; three grandchildren, Wilson James Giorgione, Ella Juliana Giorgione, and Ava Grace Lambert. Jacqueline was a beloved sister, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, and a loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. She was kind beyond measure, and loved by all who knew her.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the family will have a private visitation and funeral service for Jacqueline.

You may leave the family online condolences at [www.thomasfuneralhomecalhoun.com](http://www.thomasfuneralhomecalhoun.com)

Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Jacqueline Patterson Wilson.



### George "Mac" Wright

Mr. George Mclynn "Mac" Wright, 87, of Covington Bridge Road, died Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at his residence, while surrounded by his family.



Mr. Wright was born in Gordon County on Jan. 12, 1933, son of

the late, Weston Andrew Wright and Cora Lou Franklin Wright. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers and sisters; Eb Wright (Beulah), Tom Wright (Mozelle), Ralph Wright, Kenneth Wright, Trammel Wright, Gladys Wright Hurd (John), Edna Wright Rogers (N.F.), Linda Wright Angle (Clyde), Janelle Wright Wood (Hoyt) and sister-in-law, Evelyn Young.

Mr. Wright was a veteran of the United States Army having received the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He was retired from the U.S. Postal as a rural letter carrier after 21 years of service and was previously employed by the Georgia Department of Transportation in the highway engineering department, was a farmer, and for many years raised cattle, poultry, row crops, and hay; was a member of the Calhoun-Gordon County Antique Engine and Tractor Club and member of Mount Olive Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Wright, to whom he was married for 63 years; daughters, Sherry Wright Moore and her husband Mickey, and Suzanne Wright Roland and her husband Phil; grandchildren, Mandi Moore Potter Pace (Jason), Jared Moore (Amy), Becki Roland Hall (Sherman), Wes Roland (Heather), Beth Moore Henderson (Cody); Great-grandchildren, Gage and Chase Potter, Wes (Brooke), Ayden and Asher Pace, Max and Beau Moore, River and Lakelin Hall, Ava and Maclynn Roland and Boston Ferenti, Mori and Chapman Henderson; brothers-in-law, Harry Young and Dale Young; nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives survive.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wright family chose to have a drive-through visitation for family and friends at the family farm located at 1640 Covington Bridge Road, Fairmount, GA 30139 after 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 9. Private graveside services followed in Chandler Cemetery on Friday, April 10, 2020. Honorary pallbearers serving included Jared Moore, Wes Roland, Sherman Hall, Cody Henderson, Chase Potter, and Gage Potter.

The family would like to thank Tapestry Hospice for their compassion and care.

Personal condolences to the family may be express at [www.maxbrannonandsons.com](http://www.maxbrannonandsons.com).

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of George Mclynn "Mac" Wright, 87 of Fairmount.



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## Help for the Hurting

**-The Life Choice Hospice Bereavement Support Group will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month.** The support group is open to anyone in the community who would like to attend. The office and support group are located at 189 Professional Court, Suite 300, Calhoun. For Information, contact Jennifer at 706-602-9001.

**-The Northwest Georgia Parkinson Disease Association, Inc., is offering a monthly support group** for persons living with Parkinson Disease, their caregivers, family and friends. The support group will meet at Gordon Hospital; Conference Room A. For any questions about the support group and future meetings, call James Trussell at 706-235-3164 or 706-346-5678.

**-Families Anonymous is a 12-step program, for those concerned about drug abuse** and behavior problems of a relative or friend. Completely anonymous, non professional, and non religious. No dues, no fees. Not connected with

any hospital or agency. Located on Red Bud Road in plaza below Fitness First, next to Calhoun Counseling Center (Dr. Bledsoe's office). Meeting every Thursday 7 - 8 p.m. Call 770-548-7849 for more information.

**-Bondage Breakers-Breaking the chains of addiction** one soul at a time. Every Thursday night at 7 p.m. at Crane Eater Community Church, located at 3168 Red Bud Rd Calhoun, GA 30701.

**-The Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is sponsoring a monthly support group** at Morning Pointe Assisted Living, 660 Jolly Road, on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. For more information or directions, call Mary Braden at 770-548-4683 or Karen Parrott at 706-346-5220. For more information about dementia and Alzheimer's disease, call 800-272-3900 or visit [www.alz.org/georgia](http://www.alz.org/georgia).

**-Special Care Plus, a free one-on-one consultation program, offers education and information to primary caregivers of persons**

**with dementia.** Any primary caregiver who is caring for a loved one with dementia in the home is eligible to receive this program. To learn more about the Special Care Plus program, call 800-272-3900.

**-Want to make a difference in the community? Tapestry Hospice is seeking volunteers to provide companionship** to our patients, read books, make crafts, garden, light house cleaning, administrative work, etc. If you're interested contact Megan at [megan.guthrie@tapestryhospice.com](mailto:megan.guthrie@tapestryhospice.com)

**-The Alzheimer's Association's Caring Closet** was created to help offset the high cost of incontinent products and give the families support they often desperately need. If you would like to visit the nearest Closet, call the chapter office to receive a flier with locations and hours. Morning Pointe in Calhoun has a Caring Closet; call Mary Braden at 706-629-0777.

**-Community volunteers are needed**

**at Countryside Hospice Care,** where the mission is to promote comfort and dignity at the end of life. The agency covers 26 Northwest Georgia counties between three offices in LaFayette,

Rome, and Newnan. If you would like to participate in this rewarding program, call 706-638-7651 or 1-800-660-7381.

**-Discovering Hope, an autism support group for Northwest Georgia,**

meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, Rocky Face. For more information, call Connie Post at 706-673-7765 or [www.discoveringhope.us](http://www.discoveringhope.us).



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# OP/ED: How Small Businesses Move Forward

By Chris Clark, President & CEO, Georgia Chamber

As Georgians track the daily statistics on COVID-19, praying for our families as well as those combating the pandemic, we are also gaining a clearer picture for another set of startling data. The economic impact of Coronavirus will, by many expert projections, lead to a prolonged recession.

To put this in perspective, consider the following:

Last week, the Georgia Department of Labor (GDOL) reported an unprecedented increase in new unemployment claims, having received over 125,000 in the last week alone, roughly 25 times more than its 7-day average.

The U.S. Department of Labor is expected to see claims rise above 8.7 million before the COVID-19 crisis subsides.

Moody Analytics now estimates that Georgia is experiencing a decline of 20% in daily GDP.

A recent J.P. Morgan-Chase survey noted that over 50% of American small businesses have less than 15 days of cash on-hand.

The U.S. Chamber shared this week that 54% of all small businesses are reporting they have closed or could close within the coming weeks and 43% of small businesses say they are three-to-six months away from permanently shutting down.

Through the first few weeks of this crisis, Georgia businesses were working on their own to mitigate loss and prepare for additional impact. However, with the passage of the CARES Act, there are now tangible and clearly defined avenues for immediate relief. Senior U.S. Senator David Perdue and our entire Congressional Delegation have worked around the clock for weeks to pass this landmark legislation and, together with Governor Kemp's swift and responsive action to secure a Federal Disaster designation, Georgia small businesses now have a roadmap for weathering this storm.

Though there are several programs out there to support the business community, the following two programs are highly recommended\*

as they are specific to small business needs and provide the most immediate and direct form of relief:

1. Apply for a Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and grant. SBA recommends completing the application online and the University of Georgia's Small Business Development Center (<https://www.georgiasbdc.org/>) stands ready to assist your business through the application process out of their 17 offices. The Small Business Administration has also built a portal to walk applicants through the process for the EIDL program and it can be found here - <https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/>. The online application takes approximately two hours to complete.

2. Apply for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) through your local lender. Application for this program can be managed through your local banking institution. The Georgia Chamber is providing a list of 7a-preferred local lending member institutions who are participating in the PPP program. This list will be found on our website. For more information about this program or to find a lender near you, visit the SBA's website here, <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program-ppp>.

Last week, SBA Administrator Ashley Bell and Synovus Director of Government Guaranteed Lending Joseph Shuford took some time with us to discuss these programs and share in detail the ways in which small businesses can readily apply for and obtain this much-needed support. The conversation was recorded and is available to all Georgia businesses on the Chamber's YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bI2bnpwkqs&feature=youtu.be>.

As departments at both the federal and state levels work to deliver timely and relevant resources for small business assistance, the Georgia Chamber will continue to collect, organize and provide these resources to the business community as effectively as we can. Additional resources for consideration include the following:



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Chris Clark, President & CEO, Georgia Chamber.

## Federal Resources

Overview of Federal Stimulus Phases 1, 2 and 3

U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Emergency Loans Overview

U.S. Chamber Response Tool Kit

U.S. Chamber Small Business Guide & Resources

## State/Local Resources

Governor Kemp and UGA's release on CARES Act funding overview

University of Georgia Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Overview

Georgia Department of Labor's (GDOL) Expanded Rules & Resources Overview and related FAQs

Georgia Chamber's Small Business Guidance on Emergency Loans

Synovus Bank's comparison sheet on the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) and Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)

To access the links to these online resources, Georgia Chamber has compiled a one-pager that can be found on our website at [www.gachamber.com/covid19](http://www.gachamber.com/covid19).

While the safety and health of every citizen remains top priority during this global pandemic, we

must also prudently and strategically plan for an expedited economic recovery. We will continue to lead with integrity, putting our citizens, employees and businesses first. It is through this commitment that Georgia will overcome the COVID-19 crisis and emerge from it with resiliency and strength.

*\*The Georgia Chamber seeks to provide access to recommendations, regulations, services and expertise to its members. During the COVID-19 pandemic, this mission remains constant. Prior to acting, members should consult their own professional advisors for information and counsel specific to the individual and unique situations faced by organizations, individuals and corporations. The opinions, interpretations and recommendations of the Georgia Chamber are informational only and should not be relied upon by the recipient as legal or professional advice. The Georgia Chamber makes no representations as to the accuracy or reliability of the content contained herein. Users of this information accept any and all risks associated with the use of such information and agree that the Georgia Chamber has no liability to user.*

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# The danger of ending Social Distancing too early

**Dr. Gary Voccio,**  
Health Director  
Georgia DPH

throughout our communities, including family members, friends and loved ones, and co-workers.

If some studies suggest that our efforts at social distancing are working to flatten the curve, why is it so important to stay steadfast with the shelter-in-place order and other social distancing measures?

Our success at distancing may have limited the number of people that have been infected, but that also means many of us remain susceptible to the virus. If we go back to business as usual, many people will be infected relatively quickly because COVID-19 remains circulating in our communities.

We remain at risk for a larger outbreak that would overwhelm our hospitals and healthcare providers. That's why these recent studies clearly state that we need to continue to stay strong with our distancing measures, especially the shelter-in-place order, for now.

No one should take these findings as an indication to relax our social-distancing strategy at this time. The threat of a rebound that could overwhelm our healthcare system remains if we let up

too soon.

During the 1918 influenza pandemic, some cities put some pretty strong social distancing measures in place, and those cities fared much better than other cities at the beginning. But when victory was declared in World War One, people emerged from their homes in celebration, and then all the closures and prohibitions against mass gatherings ended. Shortly thereafter, there was a serious second wave of illness that lasted for several months. It's a sobering lesson about the danger of prematurely relaxing social distancing.

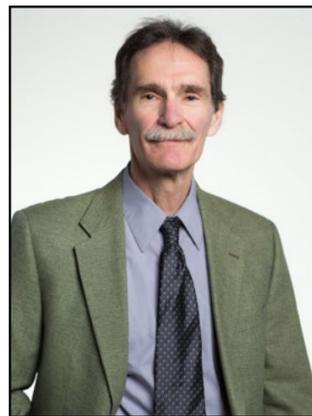
For now, people must continue to shelter-in-place. If you must leave your home, assume that anyone you encounter could be infected and, conversely, that you could have the virus, not know it, and possibly infect others. Stay at home, especially if sick. Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly. If you must go out, avoid crowds and gatherings.

Here in Northwest Georgia, where we have significant community spread of COVID-19, you should wear a homemade cloth mask or some other non-medical

grade mask or face covering when you venture into public settings, such as grocery stores and pharmacies, where it's difficult to keep six feet away from others. This may help prevent spread of COVID-19. Earlier CDC guidance emphasized that anyone who is ill should wear a mask or face covering in public or around others – this guidance still stands.

Your sacrifices are helping. I wish I could tell you when the situation will improve, but that's impossible right now. Stay strong. Be safe. We'll get through this together.

About the Georgia Department of Public Health Northwest Health District: The Georgia Department of Public Health Northwest Health District works to track and prevent the spread of disease; promote health, safety, and wellbeing through education and communication; and prepare for, respond to, and ensure our communities are ready to handle public health emergencies, thereby improving the quality of life for individuals and families in ten northwest Georgia counties: Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Floyd, Gordon, Haralson, Paulding,



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Dr. Gary Voccio serves as the Health Director of Georgia Department of Public Health Northwest Health District.

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## KEMP

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"This action is one of many steps we are taking to keep people safe from this dangerous virus," said Kemp.

Kemp said that he was taking a new executive order to protect the state's most vulnerable citizens; those in nursing and long-term facilities.

"As we mentioned previously, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have determined that older adults, people of any age who have serious underlying health conditions and certain other groups may be at higher risk for complications from coronavirus exposure. The Georgia Department of Public Health has determined that COVID-19 is spreading through nursing homes, inpatient hospice, assisted living communities, personal care homes, immediate care homes, community living arrangements and community integration homes. We

have dramatically increased access to resources for these facilities to mitigate exposure but we have more to do to protect these Georgians."

Kemp said that earlier Wednesday, he signed an executive order extending Georgia's Public Health State of Emergency through May 13, 2020.

"This measure will allow us to deploy more resources to communities in need, lend support to frontline medical providers and keep preparing as we brace for potential patient surge in healthcare facilities," said Kemp. "I also, this afternoon, signed an executive order mandating more aggressive infection control measures in long term care facilities across our state."

Some of those key requirements for long term care facilities include:

-Facilities must adopt Infectious Disease Transfer Protocols with nearby hospitals;

-Visitors and non-essential personnel are strictly prohibited except in compassionate care situations;

-If feasible, facilities must now provide in-room dining services and all group activities be cancelled;

-Employees must wash or sanitize their hands after any interaction with a resident;

-Facilities must implement protocols to screen residents for fever and respiratory symptoms;

-Employees must be screened before starting a shift;

-If an employee is exposed, to the

extent feasible, he or she must self-quarantine for 14 days before returning to work;

-Facilities are required to implement universal and correct use of personal protective equipment;

-Facilities must use hospital-grade disinfectants for frequent cleaning;

-If possible, residents with symptoms of respiratory infection need to be placed together and facilities should have specific employees working only in the affected units.

"To ensure compliance, I am empowering the Department of Public Health, National Guard and Department of Community Health to issue directives to facilities to prevent, monitor and treat COVID-19," said Kemp, saying he also signed an executive order today to activate an additional 1,000 National Guard members to assist in the COVID-19 emergency response.

Kemp also said that expanding access to testing remains a top priority for the Coronavirus Task Force.

"In addition to the US testing partnership with the state lab, there are several new private sector partnerships throughout our state," said Kemp. "That includes the new CVS drive-thru facility at Georgia Tech, which is able to test 1,000 individuals per day at full capacity. We are excited to announce the Department of Public Health will begin a partnership with Ipsum Diagnostics, who recently received FDA approval. Ipsum is able to test

2,000 specimens per day and will be able to expand capacity in the near future. Testing will begin tomorrow at specimen collection sites across the state. Ipsum will provide results to those tests within 24 hours."

Kemp said that with the partnership with the University System, CVS and Ipsum, this will greatly increase daily testing for the state, and that this testing does not include private sector labs that are also testing.

Kemp also mentioned last week's decision to cancel school for the rest of the 2019-2020 year.

"This decision was not easy, but was incredibly important to keep our students, families and communities safe," said Kemp. "Since that announcement, my staff has been in constant communication with educational leaders across the state, and we have worked with State School Superintendent Richard Woods to help districts to prepare and students to adapt. We will do whatever it takes to support our educators, our students and our parents during these challenging times."

"We've got to continue to keep working, and our Task Force continues to do that around the clock to meet the pressing needs and future needs that we may have to honor those we are serving," said Kemp. "We continue to remain hunkered down and prepared for any circumstance that comes our way."

## ELECTION

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and secure voting, but pushing back the primary election any further could potentially have negative consequences on preparation for the Nov. 3, 2020 General Election. Given existing deadlines to prepare and send ballots for the November election, particularly for military voters, moving forward on June 9 is the best way to ensure a successful election year in Georgia, according to Secretary Raffensperger's office.

"We are very thankful that Secretary of State Raffensperger postponed the Election to June 9 in order to keep the Georgia Election Officials,

the poll workers and the voters safe all across the state of Georgia," said Shea Hicks, Chairperson of the Gordon County Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office.

Absentee ballot applications for the upcoming primary election will continue to be accepted and processed by counties even if the application said May 19. Once county election officials properly verify the signature on the application, the voter will be sent an absentee ballot for the primary election now to be held on June 9.

"We would still like to encourage voters to complete the application for absentee ballot for the upcoming election that is now being held on June 9," said Hicks. "We are processing the applications just as quickly as we can and voters should begin receiving their ballots in the mail within the next

10 days. If you did not receive an application for an absentee ballot in the mail, please call 706-629-7781 and we can send you one or you can go to [gordoncounty.org](http://gordoncounty.org) to print off an application for absentee ballot."

Hicks said once registered voters complete the application, they can mail it to the Gordon County Elections Office, P.O. Box 715, Calhoun, Ga. 30703.

"We will begin early voting on May 18 and it will end on June 5," said Hicks.

Early voting will take place during that time period Monday- Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Gordon County Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office, located in the Annex Building on Piedmont Street, behind the Gordon County Courthouse.

## VIOLENCE

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Each situation is different; therefore, each safety plan is different. If anyone feels they need help with safety planning, they can call our office or hotline. They do not even have to tell us their name."

Also important is for domestic violence victims to remember is that calling law enforcement is always an option.

"Victims should not hesitate to call 911 if they feel unsafe," said Peters. "Our local law enforcement agencies realize how dangerous domestic violence can be. They work hard to help keep families in our

communities safe."

Also important for domestic violence victims to know is that if they feel threatened in their home and need to leave, there are options for shelter at no cost to the victim.

"If a victim feels that he or she must leave their home to stay safe, shelter and/or other temporary housing is available," said Peters. "All of these services are offered at no cost to the victim and are confidential. Everything needed will be provided, so a victim does not need to bring personal items with them. If possible, victims are encouraged to bring any medications and/or important papers.

"A comprehensive array of services is still available during this pandemic," continued Peters.

"(Gordon County Domestic Violence Outreach Office) is still available to assist with temporary protective orders and/or provide individual support and safety planning. Among other things, financial assistance is also available to victims in need. Again, each situation is different, so our services are tailored to meet the needs of each individual victim.

"No one deserves to live in an unsafe home," said Peters. "Victims and their children deserve to be happy and thrive in an environment free from violence. Our staff is always available to hopefully help them realize that they are strong individuals who can rise above the hurtful actions of others."

## GNTC

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president of Academic Affairs, instructors who struggled with bringing their courses fully online have been mentored by other GNTC instructors.

"We have made some great strides and I am so proud of how our faculty have stepped up and tackled this with such a good attitude," said Dr. Elizabeth Anderson, vice president of Academic Affairs.

One such faculty member, Grace Beam, assistant dean of Business Management, program director and instructor of Logistics and Supply Chain Management, has been a mentor in helping GNTC instructors adapt to using online programs. Beam said telecommuting is possible under normal circumstances and hopes instructors are learning new teaching techniques.

"It's been pretty cool watching people learn new things," Beam said. "I love teaching online; it allows students to open up in ways they might not in a normal classroom setting."

Beam added she has heard from several Logistics and Supply Chain Management students who said

they will be taking online classes this summer regardless of what is happening in the world. "For some students their education can't stop."

Moving forward, several instructors have already committed to online learning for the 2020 summer semester. GNTC will begin accepting new students for the Culinary Arts program in a new online format for the summer semester. Three introductory courses will be offered online.

Another step GNTC is taking to help students during this time is streamlining the enrollment process. The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) announced it is suspending the placement exam requirement for admission to any of its 22 technical colleges across the state, including Georgia Northwestern. The suspension of the requirements for official high school or high school equivalency transcripts for admission to TCSG colleges allows applicants who wish to begin this summer or fall semester, the ability to continue their admission process. In the interim, students may submit unofficial transcripts until GNTC resumes normal business operations and will have the ability to submit official documents to the college without affecting their

current enrollment. The suspension of the placement exam, ACCUPLACER, still provides the college the ability to use other placement methods already in place to allow an applicant to continue the enrollment process. GNTC will evaluate program readiness in a number of different ways to ensure student success.

Georgia Northwestern Technical College provides quality workforce education to the citizens of Northwest Georgia. Students have the opportunity to earn an associate degree, diploma, or a certificate in business, health, industrial, or public service career

paths. This past year, 12,454 people benefited from GNTC's credit and noncredit programs. With an annual credit enrollment of 7,730 students, GNTC is the largest college in Northwest Georgia. GNTC has an additional enrollment of 4,724 people through adult education, continuing education, business and industry training, and Georgia Quick Start. For more information about GNTC, visit us at [www.GNTC.edu](http://www.GNTC.edu). GNTC is a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia and an Equal Opportunity Institution.

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# Graves announces modified Congressional Art Competition

## Will be accepting art submissions via email, all local high school students encouraged to participate

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Rep. Tom Graves (R-GA-14) today announced that his office will be hosting the annual Congressional Art Competition to encourage and recognize student artists from high schools across the 14th Congressional District. Each Spring, the Congressional Institute sponsors a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent across the nation and in each congressional district. The competition through Rep. Graves' office this year will be modified due to the ongoing public health crisis, but participation is still encouraged and welcomed.

"Every year I am so impressed with the talent

in Northwest Georgia, and this year will be no different," said Rep. Graves. "Though many schools are closed right now, I am still encouraging students to share their creative talents with our community. I look forward to seeing all of the submissions and recognizing our local artists!"

This year, the Office of Rep. Graves has asked students and teachers to submit high resolution photos via email of any art that they would like to be part of the competition. An updated timeline, along with the required student release forms, can be seen below. The 1st place winner's artwork will eventually be shipped to Washington, D.C., where it will remain on display in the Cannon House Office Building's Capitol Tunnel for one

year, alongside the 1st place artwork from every congressional district in the country. The deadline for art submissions is May 15, 2020.

The judges, chosen by the Rome Area Council of the Arts, will view the art digitally and will name the top three places as well as two honorable mentions. There will also be a people's choice award, and the public will be able to view all of this year's submissions via webpage on Rep. Graves' official website. The webpage will be shared with the public in the coming weeks.

Students who would like to participate in the competition should email their high resolution photos and necessary attachments to Tracey.bartley@mail.house.gov and Valerie.jones@mail.house.gov.

To access competition rules, regulations and release forms, visit [tomgraves.house.gov/news](http://tomgraves.house.gov/news).

### Congressional Art Competition Timeline:

- May 15, 2020:** Submission deadline for digital entries
- May 18, 2020:** Submissions forwarded to judging panel
- May 21, 2020:** Judges decisions due to Congressional office

Additional dates will be announced.



FILE PHOTO

Then Sonoraville High School junior Esther Hayes was selected as the winner of the 2019 Congressional Art Competition for Georgia's 14th District for her piece "Meraki."

## Church Calendar

### ONGOING

**-Philadelphia Christian School** is located off Highway 41 between Calhoun and Adairsville. The school offers 4-year-old kindergarten through 12th grade, using the A-Beka curriculum. To find out more about the school, call the office at 706-625-3233.

**-Faith Deliverance Ministry and Outreach** will be taking donations of clothes, shoes, also all house hold items to help needy families. Call

Minister Evelyn Adams at 706-671-7988.

**-Celebrate Recovery, a faith based 12-step program, meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Relevate Church** in Ranger off 411. Call Nicole for information: 706-979-4713/706-290-8028.

**-East Calhoun Church of God, at 401 Peters Street,** gives out groceries and clothing through the "Feed the Needy" ministry each Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The church hosts a miracle healing service every first Friday at 7

p.m. For more information, contact "Feed the Needy" ministry director Florence Jones at 706-409-1981. Senior pastor is Keith Reid.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

**-Fairmount Church of Christ, located at 265 South Avenue in Fairmount, Ga.** Minister Bobby Gayton. Everyone is invited to visit and worship with us. Sunday morning Services at 11 a.m.; Bible study at 10 a.m.; Wednesday

Bible study at 6 p.m.

**-Fairmount United Methodist Church-Loving One Another To Christ. Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m.** Children's Church provided. New Minister now Leading. New programs and community outreach coming soon.

**-Pastor Terry Reisner invites everyone to the Vision Pentecostal Ministry** located at 401 South Wall Street in Calhoun. Come hear the truth of God's Word Sundays at 11 a.m.

**-Faith Deliverance Church & Outreach Ministry Welcomes Everyone to an Anointed Church Service** at 1320 Dawnville Road in Dalton every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m. Pastor and Evangelist Evelyn Adams, also an Anointed Gospel Singing. Come expecting Jesus to move for you. Miracles, Healing, Deliverance, Salvation. For more information or directions, call Minister Evelyn Adams (706) 671-7988

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# Dalton State Foundation creates emergency fund for students

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The Dalton State Foundation is collecting contributions to the newly created Roadrunner Student Emergency Fund in response to hardships students are currently facing due to the impact of the new coronavirus (COVID-19).

“Nearly half of our students require need-based financial aid in order to attend one of the most affordable colleges in the nation,” said David Elrod, director of the Dalton State Foundation. “That indicator alone speaks volumes about the kind of economic volatility our students are susceptible to when a major disruption like the COVID-19 pandemic

occurs. This underscores the imperative for the Roadrunner Student Emergency Fund and its ability to assist our students in economic distress.” Since the pandemic, Dr. Jami Hall, dean of students, said there has been a rise in the number of students facing unmet needs. She has seen more CARE Team referrals, as well as more

hardship withdrawals due to the pandemic. The CARE Team is made up of faculty and staff who work to ensure the well-being and safety of students. “When students aren’t getting their basic needs met, how can we expect them to focus on their academics? Unfortunately, we can’t,” Hall said. “I’m excited to be collaborating with

the foundation with the hopes of alleviating some of the financial burdens our students may be experiencing.” The goal is to maintain the emergency fund so that it is available to students even after the pandemic has ended. “These are trying times for us all, but if we can help our most vulnerable students just a little bit, I believe

that can have big repercussions down the road when these students graduate and become professionals and citizens in our communities,” Elrod said. To give to this fund, visit the Roadrunner Student Emergency Fund website at [https://www.daltonstate.edu/campus\\_life/student\\_emergency\\_fund.cms](https://www.daltonstate.edu/campus_life/student_emergency_fund.cms).

# Red Cross encourages blood donors to make and keep donation appointments during coronavirus outbreak

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The American Red Cross has seen an outpouring of support from blood donors in response to the coronavirus outbreak. Thanks to the many who gave blood and scheduled upcoming appointments, the Red Cross has been able to meet immediate patient needs. During this uncertain time, the Red Cross continues to encourage healthy individuals to schedule and keep donation appointments in the weeks ahead to ensure a stable supply throughout this pandemic.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions have been implemented to ensure the health of Red Cross donors, employees and volunteers.

Blood donation is essential to ensuring the health of our communities. The need for blood is constant, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need. With no known end date in this fight against coronavirus, the Red Cross needs the help of donors and blood drive hosts to maintain a sufficient blood supply for weeks to come.

This is the time to take care of one another. Healthy individuals who are feeling well are asked to make an appointment to donate later this month and after by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Donors are also asked to make an appointment to donate in order to help manage the flow of donors appropriately in support of social distancing practices.

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre

donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation’s blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or [cruzrojaamericana.org](http://cruzrojaamericana.org), or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

# AdventHealth Gordon: Is it Urgent or Emergent?

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Severe or worsening reaction to an insect bite or sting or to medication, especially if breathing becomes difficult

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Other: elevated blood pressure, lacerations (on-site stitches) and sports physicals

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“For most medical situations, your doctor is your gateway to the most appropriate type of care,” said Dr. Balboa. “They can direct you to a specialist, hospital or the type of care that is most appropriate.”

If you need a family physician, visit [AdventHealthGordon.com/primarycare](http://AdventHealthGordon.com/primarycare) to see the AdventHealth network of primary care providers.

When health issues suddenly arise, deciding where to go for care is the last thing you want to worry about. Should you speed to a hospital emergency room, seek help from a nearby urgent care clinic or call your doctor?

“It really depends,” said Pablo Balboa, MD, of AdventHealth Medical Group Urgent Care at Calhoun. “For life-threatening and time-sensitive health problems, go the emergency room. If the situation is urgent, but not life-threatening, go to urgent care. For routine problems, make an appointment with your primary care physician.”

Below are more examples of when and where you should go.

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