



COVID-19 RESOURCES

Local Government, County and Chamber Resources

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MAC is capturing resources, reports and links from local government, county and chambers that can help you or your business continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. This information will be updated as additional resources are made available.

State Resources

GaDOE / Georgia Public Broadcasting - Georgia Home Classroom

Excerpt: Georgia schools are closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak, causing thousands of students to be without access to educational instruction. As part of the public media mission to ensure all kids have access to continued free educational resources at home, GPB, in partnership with the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE), is offering broadcast programming and accompanying digital resources that adhere to Georgia's state standards to provide continued at-home learning.

Link:

[Georgia Home Classroom](#)

Georgia Department of Education (DOE) - COVID-19 Resources

Excerpt: The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) is working closely with the Office of the Governor, the Georgia Department of Public Health (GaDPH), and other agencies to ensure local school districts, parents and students have the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding COVID-19. GaDOE has distributed detailed guidance to school districts on the preparations they should take to prepare for the potential spread of COVID-19 and is distributing the most up-to-date guidance from GaDPH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as it is released.

Links:

[DOE COVID-19 Website](#)
[School Closures](#)
[Online/Distance Learning Resources](#)

Georgia Department of Insurance - Directives

Excerpt: The most recent directive from the Commissioner's Office instructs property and casualty insurers not to cancel any commercial policies for non-payment, particularly those dealing with business interruption or business income coverage, for the next 60 days. It also calls on health insurers to refrain from canceling policies for non-payment until further notice

Link:

[GDOI - Non-Payment Cancellation Directive](#)

Georgia Department of Economic Development - Resources

Excerpt: The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) is working closely with state, federal and global partners to confront the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. We hope that the information included below will provide useful resources for Georgians seeking information from Georgia's business community.

Link:

[Georgia Department of Economic Development Resources](#)

Georgia Department of Labor (DOL) - Unemployment Filing

Excerpt: In response to COVID-19, the Georgia Department of Labor (GDOL) is temporarily suspending in-person requirements for services provided by the agency. In accordance with Governor Kemp's recommendation, the GDOL is providing online access to unemployment services, partial claim access for employers and other reemployment services. Employers are required to file partial claims on behalf of their employees whenever it is necessary to temporarily reduce work hours or there is no work available for a short period. Any employer found to be in violation of this rule will be required to reimburse GDOL for the full amount of unemployment insurance benefits paid to the employee.

Links:

[How to File Unemployment Claim](#)

[How Employers File Partial Claims](#)

[Contact Points for Reemployment Services](#)

Georgia Department of Law - COVID-19 Resources

Excerpt: Governor Brian P. Kemp and Attorney General Chris Carr are warning Georgia residents to watch out for scams related to the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). These include websites selling bogus products, as well as fake emails, texts and social media posts designed to steal people's money and personal information.

Links:

[Department of Law Complaint Form](#)

[Business Emergency Price Controls](#)

Georgia Municipal Association – Public Health Emergencies Model Ordinance

Excerpt: GMA is urging municipal leaders in all of Georgia's 538 cities to declare public health emergencies with guidance from the model ordinance created by the association. These public health emergencies will slow the rise of COVID-19 cases in Georgia and establish a uniform measure aimed at controlling the spread of the disease.

Links:

[GMA Announcement](#)

[Model Ordinance](#)

Georgia Secretary of State – Absentee Ballots to all Georgians for June 9 Election

Excerpt: Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger recently announced that all of Georgia's 6.9 million active voters will be mailed absentee ballot request forms for the June 9 primary, a major push to encourage voting by mail during the coronavirus pandemic. The absentee voting effort will allow Georgians to decide on their choices for president and other elected offices from home, without having to visit in-person voting locations where the coronavirus could more easily spread. Early voting and election day precincts will remain open.

Link:

[AJC Article Announcement](#)

Georgia Secretary of State – Business Registration Deadline Delayed

Excerpt: Raffensperger extended the annual registration deadline from April 1 to May 1. No penalties or late filing fees will be levied until after May 1.

Link:

[Secretary of State Registration Announcement](#)

Governor Brian Kemp - Call for Medical Professional Volunteers

Excerpt: The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) is receiving offers from medical professionals and other individuals looking for ways to help with the COVID-19 response. An effective response relies on volunteers who are pre-credentialed and organized. Georgia Responds is Georgia's health and medical volunteer program, which matches the skills and credentials of medical and non-medical volunteers to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Georgia. Medical volunteers may be used to answer medical questions coming into the COVID-19 hotline or assist at test specimen collection sites. Non-medical volunteers may be used in administrative roles at either the call center or test collection sites or provide interpretation or other skills as needed.

Link:

[Governor Kemp - Call for Medical Professional Volunteers](#)

National Association of Counties – County Emergency Order Tracker

Excerpt: This map is continuously updated as new declarations and policies are issued in counties across the country in response to COVID-19. If your county has issued an emergency declaration or shelter-in-place policy not reflected in County Explorer, please contact us at research@naco.org.

Link:

[County Emergency Order Tracker Map](#)

Stateside Report – COVID-19 State and Local Government Report

Excerpt: This chart was last updated 3.24.20. Stateside has created a chart with state legislative actions, executive agency actions, gubernatorial actions and local government actions related to the outbreak of the coronavirus. We will be continuously monitoring the state responses as they develop. Updates are continuously being made to this report. Click below for the most recent version.

Link:

[Updated Report](#)

Other Local Resources

Georgia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives – Chamber COVID-19 Updates

Excerpt: With the spread of COVID-19, it is imperative for our chamber members to make fact-based decisions to keep our local economies strong while also taking precautions to protect our employees and community. GACCE wants to ensure that our membership is monitoring and following official guidance. We are providing the information below to you to keep you informed of the latest developments and to share what your peers are sharing with their members.

Link :

[GACCE COVID-19 Updates](#)

#ATLSTRONG - City of Atlanta

Excerpt: #ATLSTRONG provides resources, guidance and information about COVID-19 and its impact on Atlanta. As we continue to receive updates, we want to provide you with accurate and timely information. You can sign up for emergency text messages and get the latest news.

Link:

[#ATLSTRONG](#)

Cobb COVID-19 Economic Recovery Taskforce

Excerpt: The Cobb Chamber has started an Economic Recovery Taskforce to develop and implement a strategic approach to proactively drive our community's economic recovery from COVID-19. Taskforce members will meet weekly via video conference starting on Monday, March 30th.

Link:

<https://www.cobbchamber.org/news/newsarticledisplay.aspx?ArticleID=289>

City of Decatur - Free Parking for City

Excerpt: The City and SP+ now provide 30-minute free parking on all on-street metered parking in downtown Decatur as part of our COVID-19 response plan. This allows patrons to pick up a to-go order from one of our many fine restaurants and shops.

Link:

[Decatur Free Parking COVID-19 Response](#)

DeKalb County – Declaration of Emergency / WorkSource Dekalb Funding

Excerpt: Under Thurmond's order, residents are asked to "shelter in place as much as possible" and follow a "voluntary curfew" that will run from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. every day. Businesses deemed "non-essential" are also ordered to close during those hours. Thurmond said that DeKalb County will also put a 60-day moratorium on evictions; that termination of water service for residential and business accounts will be suspended; and that WorkSource DeKalb "will immediately utilize \$1.3 million to assist DeKalb workers dislocated from their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

Links:

[AJC Article](#)
[WorkSource Dekalb Unemployment Application](#)

Invest Atlanta - Creative Industry Loan Fund

Excerpt: The City of Atlanta recently announced the new Creative Industries Loan Fund, a joint pilot program of the Mayor's Office of Film and Entertainment and Invest Atlanta to assist our city's independent content creators and creative entrepreneurs. The program offers loans with low interest rates and flexible repayment terms for local creative entrepreneurs to use for production, post-production, distribution, marketing outreach, touring, prototype development, product development and sales and attraction for their creative projects.

Link:

[Creative Industry Loan Fund](#)

County COVID-19 Resource Landing Pages

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