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NOTICE

Reopening of Georgia (COVID-19)

Georgia's Governor Brian Kemp has begun its plan for reopening on April 24, 2020. The plan allows businesses to reopen as long as they comply with the "minimum basic operations" standards, including screening workers for a fever, enhanced workplace sanitation, and staggering shifts. Businesses are also required to separate workspaces by 6 feet. Businesses such as gyms, hair salons, barbershops, tattoo parlors, bowling alleys, nail salons, theaters, social clubs, and restaurant dine-in services are now permitted. Specific restrictions were provided in the Executive Orders.

The Governor issued four Executive Orders to effectuate the plan to reopen Georgia:

- Executive Order Signed 04.20.20 providing flexibility for healthcare practices, moving certain businesses to minimum operations, and providing for emergency response.
- Executive Order Signed 04.23.20 relating to reviving healthy Georgia.
- Executive Order Signed 04.27.20 providing clear administrative definitions for restaurants and dining rooms, hand sanitizers, inspection timelines, etc.
- Executive Order Signed 04.30.20 providing guidelines on renewal of public health state emergency.

All Executive Orders can be found at the following link:

<https://gov.georgia.gov/executive-action/executive-orders/2020-executive-orders>

How does this impact foreign missions and their members?

Foreign missions may continue to operate in the state of Georgia. However, all foreign missions are expected to adopt strategies aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19, such as maximizing opportunities for their members to work from home ("telework"), applying social distancing of at least six feet, and avoiding local travel unless required for purposes of protecting health, safety, and protection of property.

When not performing those functions, foreign mission personnel and their dependents are expected to fully comply with the requirements of the Governor's order, as well as any other applicable orders issued by local or municipal authorities.

Questions or Issues

Inquiries concerning the impacts of COVID-19 and the associated responsive effort on the operation of foreign missions in the United States should be transmitted by electronic mail to OFM-EmergencyMgt@state.gov.

Resources

- Compilation of circular diplomatic notes and notices released by OFM concerning COVID-19: <https://www.state.gov/circular-notes-and-notices-covid-19/>

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