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Summary of Executive Orders 05.28.20.02 and 05.28.20.01

On May 28, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp issued Executive Orders 05.28.20.02 and 05.28.20.01 addressing Georgia’s ongoing Public Health Emergency and furthering the Governor’s initiative on Reviving a Healthy Georgia. The Executive Orders (“EO”) include the following directives:

- In EO 05.28.20.01 the Governor extends the Public Health State of Emergency. In previous orders, the State of Emergency was set to expire on June 12th, however the Governor has extended it through July 12th, 2020.
- Through June 15th all visitors and residents of Georgia shall continue to practice social distancing, are encouraged to wear face coverings, are required to practice sanitation in accordance with CDC guidelines, and implored to avoid gatherings of more than 25 people in which social distancing cannot be practiced.
- Georgia citizens in the following categories are asked to “Shelter in Place” (avoiding anything other than Essential Services, Necessary Travel, or engaging in gainful employment) until June 12th:
  1. Those persons who are 65 years of age or older.
  2. Those persons who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility, including inpatient hospice, assisted living communities, personal care homes, intermediate care facilities, community living arrangements, and community integration homes.
  3. Those persons who have chronic lung disease.
  4. Those persons who have moderate to severe asthma.
  5. Those persons who have severe heart disease.
  6. Those persons who are immunocompromised. Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medication.
  7. Those persons, of any age, with class III or severe obesity.
  8. Those persons diagnosed with the following underlying medical conditions: diabetes, liver disease, and persons with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis.
- Until June 12th, 2020 citizens in one of the categories are subject to a “Shelter in Place” order and are restricted as to when they may leave the home and how they may receive visitors.

The following provisions for business operations are effective June 1st and stay in
effect through June 15th. These provisions may or may not be extended by a future Executive Order.

- **Restaurants & Dining Services** that have resumed dine-in service and shall implement measures which mitigate the exposure and spread of COVID-19 among its patrons and workforce. The EO lists 39 measures that Restaurants and Dining Services shall abide by through to June 15th. Additionally, any the Department of Public Health may extend inspection timelines for any restaurant with a current “A” rating.

- **Critical Infrastructure**, as defined by the Department of Economic Development, shall implement measures which mitigate the exposure and spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent practicable. Such measures may include, but shall not be limited to, 16 measures listed in the EO.

- **Businesses that are not Critical Infrastructure** may continue in-person operations. However, those businesses **shall** implement measures which mitigate the exposure and spread of COVID-19 among its workforce. Such measures **must** include the 21 measures listed in the EO, and **should**, when possible, include an additional 3 measures as listed.

- **Live Performance venues, amusement parks, and bars** shall remain closed to the public through June 15th.

- **Grocery stores and other retail businesses** shall implement additional measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, as practicable. These additional measures shall include 6 measures as listed in the EO. **Grocery stores** may implement, to the maximum extent practicable, an additional 13 measures as listed.

- **Gyms and Fitness Centers** shall implement additional measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, as practicable. Such measures shall include 19 measures listed in the EO.

- **Body Art Studios, Estheticians, Hair Designers, Massage Therapists, and Tanning Facilities** shall implement additional measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, as practicable. Such measures shall include 13 measures as listed in the EO.

- **Movie Theaters** may operate and shall implement additional measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Such measures shall include 8 measures as listed in the EO.

- **Bowling Alleys** shall implement additional measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Such measures shall include 11 measures as listed in the EO.

- **Bars** may engage in in-person operations. Bars, in addition to the requirements on “Non-Critical Infrastructure” shall take an additional 39 measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Such measures are listed in the EO.

- **Professional sports teams and professional sports organizations** may engage in practices or other in-person operations, however they shall operate solely pursuant to the rules or guidelines that have been promulgated or approved by the respective professional league of the sport. **All amateur sports teams and amateur sports organizations** that continue in-person operation shall adhere to the
guidelines for non-Critical Infrastructure organizations listed above.

- **Healthcare Providers** should comply will all the Guidelines with Critical Infrastructure. **Dental practices and optometrists** shall adhere to their respective trade group guidelines, and **opticians** shall adhere to CDC guidelines. **Ambulatory Surgical Centers** shall implement additional measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, these measures may include, but shall not be limited to 9 measures listed, which shall be implemented to the maximum extent practicable.

- **Childcare Facilities** may allow for up to 20 persons to gather in a single location. These facilities shall cease transporting children for any purpose other than transporting children between their place of residence and the childcare facility and all permissible transports shall be conducted in such a way that maintains Social Distancing. Additionally, Childcare Facilities shall implement 13 measures as listed in the EO.

- **Summer camps** may operate in accordance with previous EOs, additionally overnight camps may operate starting May 31st. Summer camps shall implement measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among campers and such measures shall include but are not limited to 33 measures listed in the EO. All Campers and Workers who stay overnight at an Overnight Summer Camp must remain on the Summer Camp premises at all times, except in case of emergency or for purposes of participating in an off-site activity that is part of the Overnight Summer Camp's program. Any Camper or Worker who leaves the premises of an Overnight Summer Camp for any reason shall be required to receive an additional negative test result for COVID-19 prior to re-entry. This provision shall not apply to Workers at Summer Camps who do not stay overnight, provided that such Workers wear a face covering and practice strict Social Distancing while on the premises of the Overnight Summer Camp.

- In addition to provisions for business operations and medically fragile Georgians, the Governor set out further guidelines for government operations in EO 05.28.20.02. New rules regarding **foster homes and children's custodial arrangements** can be found on page 33. Provisions for the operation of **summer schools** can be found on pages 26 and 27. Provisions for the extension of some deadlines and waiver of some rules for **Local Governments** can be found on page 33. And provisions for the **enforcement** of the EO can be found on page 34.

The following provisions for business operations are effective during this Executive Order, however they may not start operations on June 1st.

- **Operators of amusement rides** (traveling carnivals, water parks, circuses, etc.) in addition to the requirements on “Non-Critical Infrastructure” shall take an additional 33 measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Such measures are listed in the EO. **Operators of amusement rides may not begin operation until June 12th.**
That all live performance venues shall not engage in in-person operations and shall remain closed to the public while this EO is in effect.