

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, as of March 23, 2020, the Georgia Department of Public Health has confirmed 800 positive cases of COVID-19 in Georgia, including 26 fatalities caused by COVID-19 statewide, and positive cases in Peach County, Houston County, Macon-Bibb County, Monroe County, Baldwin County, and Twiggs County, totaling ten confirmed positive cases within the North Central Health District; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kemp on March 23, 2020, during a press conference gave the following order;

“That the Department of Public Health shall order certain persons within the State of Georgia who have serious underlying conditions likely to cause an increased spread of COVID-19, if such persons were to become infected, to isolate, quarantine, or shelter in place within their homes or place of residence. This order by the Department of Public Health shall include the following populations within the State:

1. Those persons who live in nursing homes or long-term care facility;
2. Those persons who have chronic lung disease;
3. Those persons who are currently undergoing cancer treatment; and
4. Those persons included in the Department of Public Health Administrative Order 03.22.20.01, and;”

WHEREAS, a critical component of the public response to the COVID-19 pandemic is to practice “social distancing” by minimizing contact between people residing in different households as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, Peach County, Georgia has experienced an event of critical significance as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in the judgement of the Chair of the Peach County Board of Commissioners, with advice from the Peach County Emergency Management Agency, there exist emergency circumstances located in Peach County, Georgia, requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective actions for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Peach County; and

WHEREAS, to prevent or minimize injury to people and damages to property resulting from this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by local and state law:

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that state of emergency exists and shall continue until the conditions requiring this declaration are abated.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERD:

1. That the Peach County Emergency Management Agency activates the Emergency Operations Plan;
2. That the following sections of the Peach County Code be implemented: Section 22-30, Closed or Restricted Areas and Curfews.
3. That the following measures also be implemented: Section 22-26.
4. This order shall apply to the unincorporated areas as well as any real property that is owned by Peach County, Georgia whether located in a municipality or not.

1.

Peach County is declared to be under a state of emergency, which shall continue until April 6, 2020, unless modified by subsequent order.

2.

All restaurants, coffee shops, and other places where food is offered to the public for on premises consumption shall be limited to take out, drive-through, or delivery.

3.

All public assembling, events and gatherings of ten (10) people or more persons are prohibited within the County.

4.

All bars and private social clubs are closed.

5.

All county owned recreation facilities, including, without limitation, parks, gyms, health studios, yoga, spin, or other fitness classes, spas, saunas, indoor amusement facilities, arcades, bowling alleys, pool halls, movie theatres, playhouses, and concert venues, shall be closed for business;

6.

All permits for special events, including park facility rentals, to be held on Peach County property for the duration of this Order are hereby cancelled, and no new special event permits shall be authorized for the duration of this Order. Persons affected by this cancellation shall be entitled to a refund of any permit or rental fees paid.

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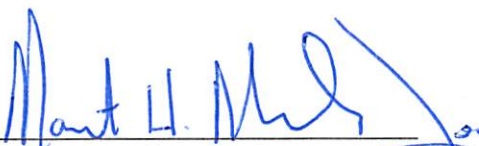
The County hereby restricts public travel within the County within the hours of 10p.m. to 6a.m., with exceptions for such things as people going to and from medical facilities/work, responding to emergencies, emergency and public safety personnel, essential County Personnel, people traveling through the County to a destination outside the County and/or making deliveries within the County.

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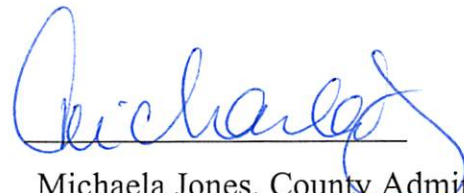
All businesses within the County, with the exception of medical and pharmaceutical establishments, are hereby ordered to close indoor access to the general public daily by 10 p.m.

This executive order is in effect March 24, 2020 at noon.

WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERD this 24 day of March, 2020.



Martin H. Moseley, Jr., Chairman
Peach County Board of Commissioners



Michaela Jones, County Administrator
Peach County Board of Commissioners