

May 12, 2020

Good Evening,

Today, Governor Kemp issued a new executive order that will go into effect Thursday, May 14 at 12:00 AM and end at 11:59 PM on Sunday, May 31. Some of the key amendments in this new order are as follows:

1. Ten (10) patrons are allowed per 300 square feet of public space. In calculating the total number of public space square feet, such calculation shall include waiting and bar areas as well as patios or any outdoor dining space, if any, but shall not include hallways, restrooms, and spaces closed to patrons.
2. Verify ware-washing machines are operating at the required wash and rinse temperatures and with the appropriate detergents and sanitizers.
3. Party tables are limited to no more than 10 people.

I recommend ALL restaurants read the order and our updated Reopening Guidance document, both linked below. Restaurants that feel ready may now expand their capacity and increase party limits for seating. Please remember that all requirements in the executive order have the force of state law.

[Governor Kemp's 5.12.2020 Executive Order](#): "Providing Additional Guidance for Reviving a Healthy Georgia" (*Restaurants & Dining Services* start on page 7.)

- See our **[5.12 Executive Order Restaurant Summary and Q&A](#)** document. (Updates **highlighted in yellow**.)

See our updated **[Georgia Reopening Guidance](#)** document. (Updates in **red**.)

Thank you for everything you do. I encourage you to visit garestaurants.org/news/covid19 for up-to-date information and news regarding restaurants and COVID-19. The Georgia Restaurant Association is here to help you. Please don't hesitate to send us an email at info@garestaurants.org with any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,

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