

# THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA



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TO The American Legion - Department of Georgia Members

**State of Georgia Executive Order from Governor Kemp issued on April 8, 2020 renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until May 13, 2020.**

On April 20, 2020, Governor Kemp issued a supplemental Executive Order that stated in principle that all “physicians performing elective surgeries, dental practices... are allowed to treat patients as soon as practicable.” “All gyms, fitness centers, bowling alleys, hair designers (as defined by Code Section 43-10-1(9), may begin in-person Minimum Base Operation Friday April 24, 2020. This order also included churches to reopen for gatherings.

Further on April 27, 2020, that businesses; restaurants, movie theaters and private social clubs be allowed to reopen. All these openings must follow strict guidelines as contained in the Executive Order. Further, the current Executive Order directs to shelter in place until April 30, 2020.

I recognized that some Posts may be encountering financial difficulties as a result of their closure and having questions on whether they should open. If this is the case, please contact your District Commander who may help you find a solution and/or clarify the strict guidelines.

The American Legion is known for supporting our government and will always follow their instructions and/or guidelines. As stated in our Preamble “To maintain-law and order”. The Department Executive Committee has previously approved that all Posts close and comply with the Governor’s Executive order.

Because of the restrictions and the implementations of measures that would be required to properly open American Legion Posts and out of an extreme abundance of caution for its members, I, along with the Vice Commanders of the Department and the District Commanders, **highly** recommend that American Legion Posts in the Department of Georgia hold off on opening your facilities until at least May 13, 2020 when the State of Emergency will expire. Further recommendations will be published prior to that date. Whatever we do, we want to ensure that we continue to follow Federal, State, and local guidance to combat COVID-19. A hard copy of this memo and the Executive Order (attached) will also be mailed to all Posts. Should you have any questions and concerns, email us: [amerlegga@bellsouth.net](mailto:amerlegga@bellsouth.net)

For God and Country...

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